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Grayling man charged for fatal hit-and-run

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 46-year old Grayling man was expected to be charged in Crawford County District Court this week for a fatal hit-run accident involving a Mio man who was walking on M-72.

William Roger Gildner Jr. was scheduled to be arraigned on Wednesday, March 21 for one count of failure to stop at the scene of an accident when at fault and resulting in a death for allegedly striking Neil Louis Pearce, who was walking just west of the City of Grayling on Jan. 17.

Gildner faces up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted for the felony charge.

Gildner, who was arrested by Crawford County Sheriff's deputies on March 11, also faces misdemeanor charges for second offense driving on a suspended, revoked or denied license and driving without insurance.

Gildner is accused of hitting Pearce, 50, who was walking on M-72 West near the Grayling Hospital for Animals around 10:45 p.m. Pearce was not discovered until the next morning.

Deputies were able to track down Gildner just hours after Pearce was found from paint and debris from his pick-up truck taken into evidence at the scene.

Gildner told police he thought

he hit a deer when he heard an object collide with his truck. He turned around and drove back through the area, but did not see Pearce lying on the side of the road. Gildner told police that he did not report what he believed to be a car-deer accident to police because he did not have collision coverage on the truck.

Pearce was intoxicated at the time he was hit, and had been contacted earlier by Grayling City Police officers while walking on the I-75 Business Loop.

Sheriff's deputies said that Gildner, who has cooperated with the accident investigation, was drinking the night of the accident, but they have no way to determine his level of intoxication.

Members of the Pearce family, who have faced lingering questions since the accident, said they are pleased authorities are bringing charges in the case.

Alfred Pearce, Neal's brother, said he dropped Neal off in Mio after the two men turned in some metal at a scrap yard for money. Neal then hitchhiked to Grayling with the intention of visiting a girlfriend.

The Pearce family question why Grayling Police officers did not take Neal into custody for being intoxicated. Police said

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Spring has sprung



Photo by Dan Sanderson
The first day of spring on the calendar was Wednesday, but chilly temperatures stuck around as the thermometer dropped as low as 10 degrees in Grayling on Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service Forecasters based in Gaylord. Forecasters predicted the temperatures would reach into the low 50s through the weekend. Above, Cabrina Koch, a volunteer for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County who recently moved to the community, was bundled up as she walked a shelter dog named Toby.

Cousins collaborate on children's book

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling High School graduate lent his creative spark to a children's book which was done through a family collaboration and dedicated in memory of his brother.

Justin Davis did the illustrations for the book, "Where's Lardo," which is being published by Trafford Publishing, a company which publishes books in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom. The book was released in late February.

The book was written by Davis' cousin, Jeff Howard, who lives in Chicago. The two relatives had not seen each other for over 10 years, Davis said. They were linked through their grandmother, Jean Carlson of Roscommon, who learned that Howard was seeking an illustrator for the book and knew that Davis had the talent for the project.

Davis, a 1999 Grayling High School graduate, spends most of his time doing illustrations for comic books, as well as realistic water color paintings and other projects.

"I thought it would be fun to try something along those lines

and to try something different," he said.

Davis completed the illustrations for the short children's tale over the last couple of years. The book tells the story of Lardo, a circus elephant, who becomes frightened while performing at the circus. After going away, learning some life lessons and coming to his senses, Lardo returns to his first love performing at the circus.

Davis first drew the illustrations by hand, but then changed to using a computer program because he could not get the intensity of color he was seeking.

"The illustrations were not as vibrant as I wanted them to be, so I scrapped the whole thing, and I went to the computer and started doing them that way," said Davis, who is admittedly his own worst critic.

The book was slated to be released last fall. Howard opted to delay the release of the book to include a dedication to his cousin and Justin's brother, Ryan James Davis, 19, who died in a car accident which occurred in Crawford County with friend,

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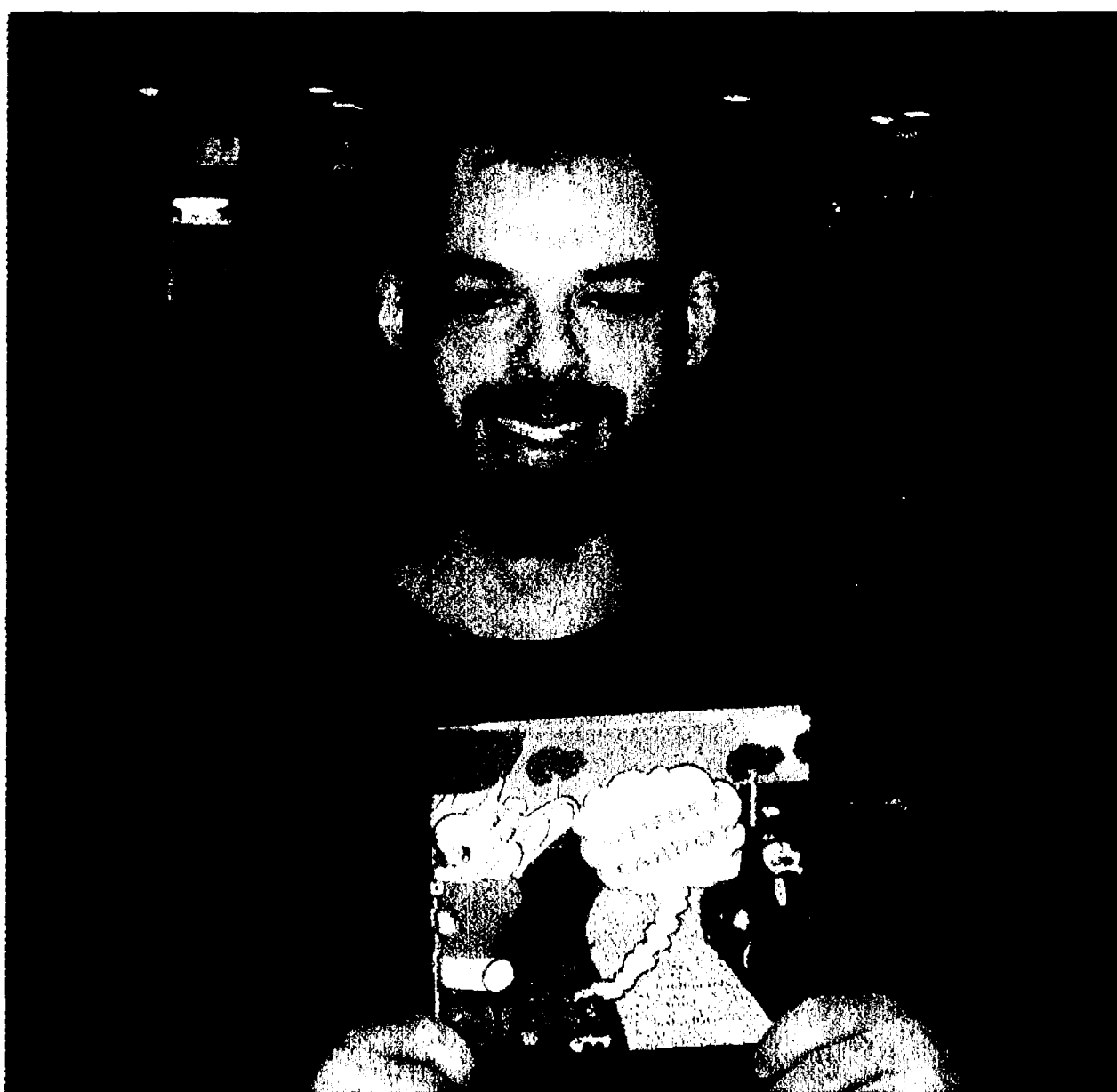


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Officials promote benefit to help care for veterans

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Officials serving wartime veterans and elderly caregivers are pushing a benefit that may help get senior citizens the care they need.

Many American wartime veterans are unaware that they may be entitled to a pension benefit through the improved pension program payable by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Aid and Attendance pension benefit may be available to wartime veterans and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing-homes or assisted-living facilities.

To qualify, the veterans or their spouses must be incapable of self support and in need of regular personal assistance.

For a wartime veteran or surviving spouse to qualify for the monthly pension, the veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service,

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GHS Players to present Anything Goes



The Grayling High School Players will present their spring musical "Anything Goes," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Anything Goes is a musical with music and lyrics written by Cole Porter. The musical was based on a book which was a collaborative effort by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. The play is being directed by Andrea Binert. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, and can be purchased at Davis Jewelers or at the door. Above, Brianna Farrell, Kristina Weiso, Stephanie Gaff, Rachel Sells, Meischa McCuan and Kelsey Gilbert are pictured rehearsing for a dance number for the musical. Right, Chris Wells is playing the part of Sir Evelyn Oakleigh and Andy Currison is portraying the captain.

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that it is not a crime to be publicly intoxicated in Michigan unless the person is causing a nuisance or are a danger to themselves or another people.

The family members are also not buying Gildner's car-deer accident story, believing he saw Neal after the accident on the well lit-roadway, but choose to go home since he had been drinking.

"Deer dart in front of cars," said Julia Stach, Neal's sister. "People don't dart in front of cars."

Stach acknowledged that Neal, the oldest of four children, had a lifelong struggle with alcoholism. Stach said Neal had been discharged after serving two years in the U.S. Army in 1978 for alcoholism.

Stach said that Neal was a kind man who worked for several

local sawmills and also as a laborer at the Parmalee Trading Post.

Stach said the Pearce family is happy to see criminal charges pursued, and hope that the fact that Neal was intoxicated when he was killed does not diminish the Grayling community's realization that a loved one has been lost as Gildner's case proceeds through the courts.

"I'm just hoping that he doesn't get a slap on the wrist," Stach said. "Neal mattered to a lot of people, and he shouldn't be swept under the rug because he was drunk at the time."

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he has taken some heat over the case. Wakefield said the public needs to understand that Grayling City Police officers had the contact with Pearce, and that his deputies were the ones investigating the fatal accident.

"It's unfortunate that the guy was hit and killed on the side of the road," Wakefield said. "It's a sad case, but I don't feel anything could have been done different or we could have prevented the accident."

Wakefield added that it took deputies several weeks to gather information about the case since there were no eyewitnesses. Police also had to wait for reports from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and for autopsy results from the Sparrow Hospital in Lansing before they were submitted to Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss.

Wakefield said that Gildner turned himself in for arrest after deputies visited his home to inform him that Huss had authorized an arrest warrant for the case.

Wakefield said he hopes that the public will understand that complex cases such as this do not get resolved like on an hour-long television show, and should also know that deputies are charged with gathering evidence and the prosecutor is the only one who can issue an arrest warrant.

"This is real life and things aren't that easy out there," Wakefield said.

City council tweaks sign ordinance for downtown

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials recently made changes to its sign ordinance to reign in large signs in the downtown business district.

The Grayling City Council amended its sign ordinance for projecting signs, restricting the size of the signs to be no more than 24 square feet. The signs must be erected at a minimum of 15 feet from any adjoining or adjacent business or on the centerline of the property. The bottom of any projecting sign must be a minimum of 10 feet from the ground or sidewalk level.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that changes were prompted in part by a request from Bill Gannon, the owner of Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner, who is seeking to replicate a projecting sign for the landmark downtown business. Designers working for Gannon said the sign needed to be 36 feet or larger to replicate the original sign on the soda fountain established in downtown Grayling in 1938.

Thayer said city officials believe that Gannon could accomplish what he wanted with a 24-foot projecting sign.

City officials hope that the facade improvements at Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner would have a domino effect, prompting other businesses to upgrade their store-

fronts in conjunction with the Michigan Avenue Streetscape project.

"We hope that once that project gets going, other businesses will fall in line," Thayer said.

The city council also amended its sign ordinance for free-standing signs in the downtown business district. The amendment increases the maximum height of a freestanding sign from being five feet to six feet and increases the maximum area of the sign from 12 feet to 32 square feet.

Thayer said he believes the former ordinance for free standing signs in the downtown area was too restrictive. The changes were made to make the size of the signs allowed downtown similar to the signs allowed in other commercially zoned districts in the city.

Thayer said the changes were adopted to reverse the trend of having various sizes of signs in the community, creating sign blight and taking away from the beauty of the city.

"We believe that the ordinance is defensible in court, is not too overreaching, and will let us do what we are hoping to accomplish to improve the downtown business district," Thayer said.

City officials are currently negotiating with Dollar Castle, which is opening a store on Norway Street, and is seeking a large freestanding sign to promote the business.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 18 of \$25 each: Bob Cinciala, Al Krey, Cheri Blaine, Bill Golnick and Dan Benson.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner for March 16 - Becky Robinson.

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The Easter Seals - Michigan, Inc. recently marked the 20th anniversary for the For Women Only snowmobile ride in Grayling.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Coghlin

Easter Seals celebrate women's ride milestone

The Easter Seals - Michigan, Inc. recently marked the 20th anniversary for the For Women Only snowmobile ride in Grayling.

Since its inception, nearly 700 women snowmobilers have raised about \$2 million through their participation in the For Women Only Ride.

This year, 177 riders raised \$193,780 at the For Women Only Ride held at the Holiday Inn Grayling to provide life-changing services for children and adults with disabilities.

Easter Seals is dedicated to providing the highest quality services for individuals with autism, developmental disabili-

ties, physical and mental disabilities and other special needs. Through therapy, training, education and support services, Easter Seals creates life-changing solutions so that people with disabilities can live, learn, work and play in their community.

"For more than 85 years, we have been offering help and hope to children with disabilities and to the families who love them," said Renee A. Wyatt, the Easter Seals - Michigan's manager of annual funds from the eastern Lower Peninsula.

Women from four states participated in the For Women Only Ride. A total of 156 women from Michigan raised, \$173,850 for

the event. A group of 11 women from Indiana raised \$13,003, nine women from Ohio raised \$6,428. One woman traveled all the way from South Carolina to raise \$500 for her neighbor with disabilities.

During the opening program, Julie Coe shared her 5-year-old son's Franco Rocco Coe's experiences with Easter Seals early intervention therapy services and the dramatic difference they have made in their family life.

Early intervention services are a primary focus of the Easter Seals mission.

"With the consistent support of Easter Seals, Franco has come so far in so little time," Julie Coe

said. "From one syllable words to complete sentences, we savor each step toward independence."

Each year, Easter Seals clients enjoy daytime and overnight experiences at camps and recreational centers in the women's home states, made possible through the Sandy Boyer Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund - a project of For Women Only participants.

Plans are already underway for the 21st annual For Women Only snowmobile ride, which will be held Feb. 8 - 10, 2008. To receive information regarding next year's event, contact Easter Seals - Michigan at (989) 753-4773.

Officials promote benefit to help care for veterans

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one day of which was during a period of war, and be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

If all requirements are met, the Veteran's Affairs administration determines eligibility for the Aid and Attendance benefit by adjusting their pensions for unreimbursed medical expenses which exceed the veteran's or surviving spouse's total household income.

A veteran is eligible for up to \$1,519 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$976 per month. A couple is eligible for up to \$1,801 per month.

"Veterans have earned this benefit by their service to our nation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "We want to ensure that every veteran or surviving spouse who qualifies has the chance to apply."

Diane Friedrichsen, the administrator for The Brook Retirement Communities, said

families in Gladwin and West Branch facilities recently started receiving the benefit, and residents in Roscommon and Houghton Lake are awaiting to hear about their eligibility approval from the Veterans Affairs administration.

"Now that some of our local veterans are receiving their benefits, I feel really confident spreading the word about this program," Friedrichsen said. "A lot of veterans out there are struggling, and this benefit really does help open up a lot of options for them."

The American Association for Wartime Veterans, whose mission is to educate veterans and their spouses about potential benefits, helps facilitate the application for the Aid and Attendance funding.

Mike Hojara, an educator with the American Association for Wartime Veterans, said that many veterans and their spouses are eligible for the benefit due to the high costs of medical expenses that exceed their monthly income.

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"A lot of times, this can be the difference for veterans and their spouses being able to get the care they need to continue to live at home or can pay for them to go to a nursing home or an assisted living care facility," Hojara said.

Hojara will be holding a seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at the The Brook in Gladwin, located at 1201 West Cedar Ave., to explain benefits to veterans and their families. Future seminars will be held in northern Michigan.

Ron Schrieber, the counselor for Crawford County's Veteran's Affairs Office and a field service officer for the Disabled American Veterans, said veterans who do not receive regular assistance or are not involved with veteran's organizations do not know about the program.

"It's a good program, and in some cases, it can help veterans and their spouses get the assistance they need," Schrieber said.

City officials ponder poor weather policy

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are considering a policy that would close city hall when there is nasty weather and snow covered roads.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer introduced the inclement weather/snow day policy to the Grayling City Council at its regular meeting last week.

Thayer said he believes it is "good barometer" that the roads are not safe to travel when the Crawford AuSable School District calls off school for the day.

Under the proposed policy, city employees would be advised not to report to work or to wait until the roads are safe to travel to come to city hall.

"It's a safety issue," Thayer

said. "If the employees can't get into work, then the public would be advised not to come to city hall to do their business because there would be nobody here to serve them."

Thayer said he does not want to have city employees risk getting hurt in a car accident during nasty weather, which may cause them to lose more time at work due to injuries they may sustain.

The city council asked Thayer to work on the policy and bring it back to them at a future meeting.

Thayer said language would be added to the policy that would require police, emergency personnel and other employees whose jobs are necessary for day-to-day activities to run the city to report to work as scheduled if the inclement weather policy is adopted.

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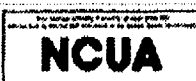
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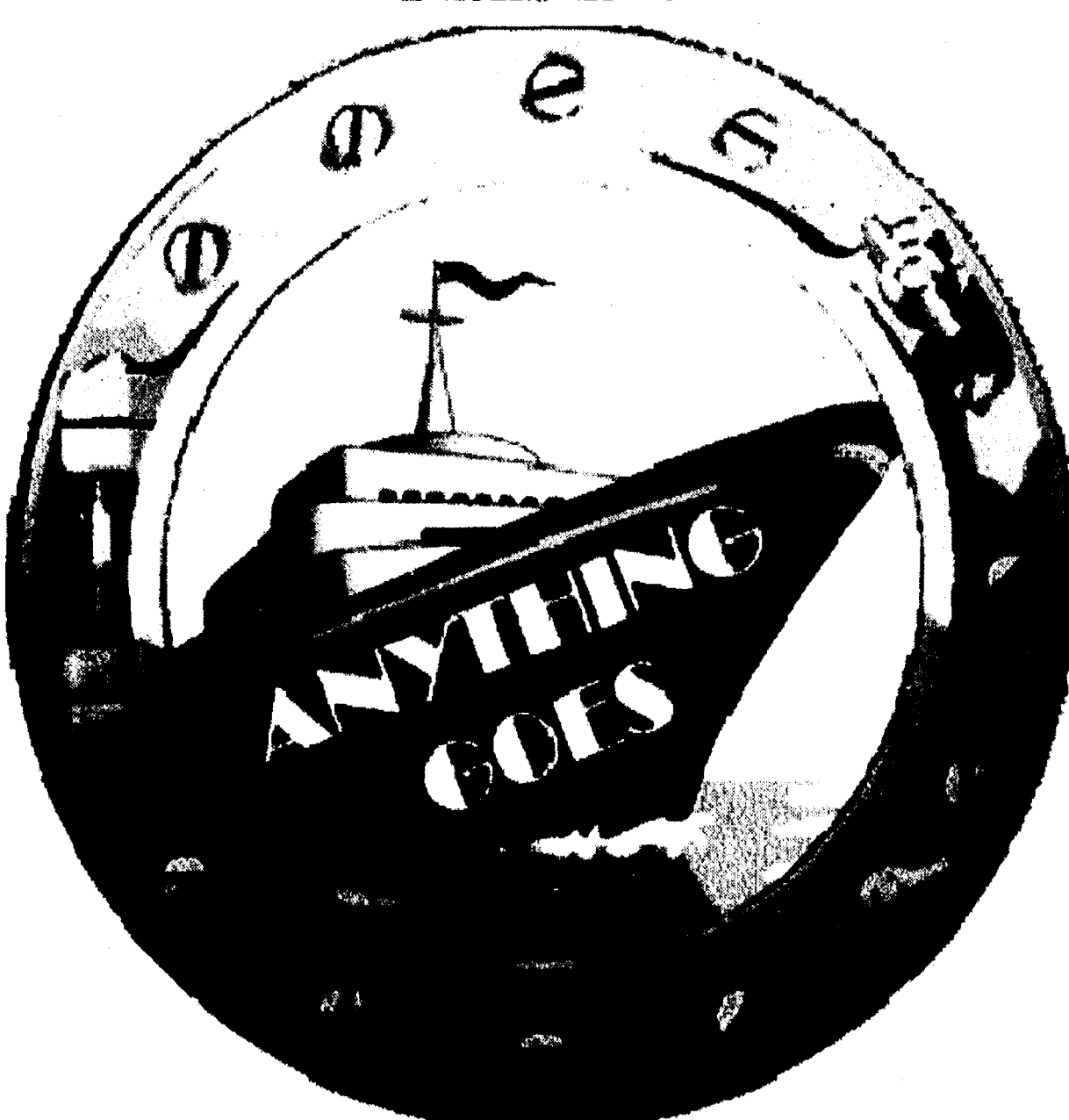
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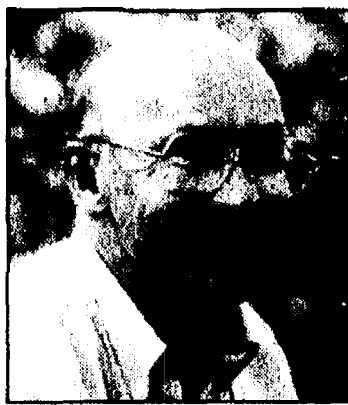
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Budget balancing could get crazier

WHEN POLITICIANS put their heads together to solve problems, strange things could happen.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, her Democratic compatriots in the state house, and Republican leaders of the state senate must get down to budget balancing basics pretty soon, or the state will sink in red ink.

The current year's budget needs an infusion of \$800 million or so before September 30 to meet the constitutional requirement of a balanced budget; then an even bigger problem may be finding another \$3 billion to fill an anticipated hole in the next annual budget.

Talk so far has centered on cutting spending — which everyone wants to do, except folks who receive state funds in one way or another — and raising taxes, which nobody wants to do, especially anyone called upon to pay them.

Earlier this year, a couple of other money-raising ideas floated around briefly, and could reappear if budget crunching gets even more strenuous and vexing.

HOW ABOUT selling the state lottery in an extreme case of privatization?

Last year the Michigan lottery raised \$688 million for the state on record ticket sales of \$2.2 billion, according to a story in *The Detroit News* a couple of months ago.

Since its start in 1972, the lottery has produced \$13 billion which went into the school aid fund. Lottery funds from the start have replaced some general fund money which previously went to schools, but the lottery never fully covered state payments to local schools.

Each year the state's general fund supplements lottery funds to pay state aid. It's a popular misconception that lottery funds pay for schools. They do, but not completely.

The lottery returns 57 percent of lottery sales to winners, according to *The Detroit News* story.

How much would selling the lottery bring? Probably \$10 to \$12 billion, according to some estimates. Illinois, with a bit less lottery profit than

Michigan, hoped to get about \$10 billion for its state lottery, and Indiana also was considering selling its lottery, too, according to *The Detroit News* story.

The plan likely would be to get a big chunk of cash up front with annual payments for a set period of years with the annual payments earmarked for the school funds.

OR HOW ABOUT selling or leasing some Michigan highways to outside investors? That's already been done in both Indiana and Illinois.

Earlier this year Indiana leased its turnpike toll road for 75 years to a private group for \$4 billion. In 2004, Chicago received \$1.8 billion for a 90-year lease of the Chicago Skyway.

New Jersey also has considered selling or leasing the Jersey Turnpike and Garden City Parkway to private companies.

One stumbling block for Michigan to follow suit in outsourcing roads is that Michigan has no revenue producing toll roads. At one time, Michigan established

a state turnpike commission to develop plans for a state toll road system, but it withered in the face of a huge public highway construction program.

The state possibly could turn some state expressways into toll roads, and then lease them out to private enterprise, but that probably would take too much time to solve Michigan's immediate crises.

SELLING OR LEASING either the lottery or state highways probably is not a good idea in the first place. Disposing of long lasting public assets to solve immediate problems usually proves short sighted in the long run.

But why stop at the lottery and state highways? Why not sell Mackinac Island? Or lease the Mackinac Bridge? Sell state parks? State office buildings? The capitol itself?

Or why not sell naming rights for state buildings, parks, bridges, roads, or anything else? Our state universities, in a sense, do this already; buildings carry names of large donors with deep pocket.

And in Columbus, the Big Ten basketball champions play their home games at Value City Arena.

Legislators are considering a move to make sure private NCAA bracket pools rampant in offices and bars this time of year are not illegal.

That's a step in the right direction, but let's go further and have the state take over basketball bracket pools, World Series betting, and other private gambling concessions? Heck, if that turns out to be a good deal, we could extend state control to rec room poker nights and golf course bets and anything else along that line. Once this whole thing gets rolling, the state could sell or lease it to the highest bidder.

So the public should stay alert as our politicians get together to solve big problems. When and if it gets desperate enough, strange things could happen.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Propane costs greater than mortgage payments

To the editor:

I paid \$641.24 for 225 gallons of propane that was delivered on Feb. 21 of this year. When I called the propane office about the fact that I've never had more than two refills a year since I purchased the family property, and I wasn't expecting the next refill/billing until next summer. I was told that I had signed up for auto-refill, which (was) true, thank you for your "prompt" service, however, refills had always been six months apart.

I guess propane costs peaked, and it was time to send the truck out.

Did I mention that my last Grayling refill was on December 11? Ten weeks between deliveries. Interesting. The residence, by the way, is a 60-foot trailer that no one has used since late

fall. Go Figure. The temperature is set at a constant 55 degrees so pipes don't freeze. Guess I should check out whether its more cost efficient to let the pipes freeze.

My wife and I plan on retiring in Grayling in a year or so. We plan to put a more efficient house on the land, but wonder if it could ever be truly affordable.

Is anyone surprised that so many properties are for sale in northern Michigan? Given fuel prices alone, is it no wonder that people are strapped? Is it any surprise that people from down-state are unloading their vacation/retirement/dream properties in northern Michigan? How sad.

Propane costs greater than mortgage payments?

Scott Foster
Portage, Wis.

Letters to the Editor

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WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Unfair credit card practices pile debt on American families

In 2001 and 2002, Wes Wannemacher charged \$3,200 on a new Chase credit card to pay for expenses related to his wedding. Over the next six years, he paid about \$6,300 dollars toward that debt, yet in February 2007 he still owed \$4,400.

How could he pay nearly double his original debt to Chase and still owe more than \$4,000? As he explained in testimony before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Wannemacher was socked with \$4,900 in interest charges, \$1,100 in late fees, and 47 over-limit fees totaling \$1,500, despite going over his \$3,000 credit limit by a total of \$200 on just three occasions.

After he agreed to testify at the Senate hearing, Mr. Wannemacher was contacted by a Chase representative and told his remaining \$4,400 debt had been forgiven. While that is good news for the Wannemacher family, it does not begin to address the abusive practices that trap many hard-working American families in a downward spiral of debt.

Credit cards have become a fixture of U.S. economic life, with the average American household owning five different cards. While the credit card

industry has provided many consumers with easy access to credit, it has also created enormous problems and contributed to record levels of household debt.

The subcommittee I chair has launched an investigation into the unfair and abusive credit card industry practices that help keep many Americans mired in debt. From the day we announced the inquiry, the subcommittee has been deluged with calls and letters from hundreds of Americans angry at the way they have been treated.

So far, we have focused our investigation on three troubling ways in which the credit card industry squeezes consumers with accounts in good standing and doubly gouges those who slip up even in the slightest.

First, many consumers believe that they are given a "grace period" before interest begins to be charged on their purchases. However, that is simply not the case unless they pay their balance in full each month. If there is any outstanding balance from the previous month, new purchases are charged interest from day one. At least half of U.S. cardholders carry an unpaid balance over from month to month, and I wonder how many of them know that they are racking up

interest before the bill for their purchases arrives or is due to be paid.

Second, credit card interest rates and policies are confusing and unfair to customers. Often, multiple interest rates apply to a single card, making it nearly impossible for the consumer to accurately track finance charges. Many companies also substitute a penalty interest rate, often reaching 30 percent or higher, whenever the cardholder makes a late payment or exceeds the credit limit.

These confusing rates are compounded by the industry-wide practice of requiring payments to be applied first to the balances with the lowest interest rates. If that's not deliberately trying to keep consumers in higher-priced debt, I don't know what is.

To nickel and dime consumers even further, the credit card industry charges interest on debt that is paid on time but not in full. When cardholders pay off a portion — or even the majority — of their monthly bill, they are nevertheless charged interest on the entire bill, including the portion that was paid by the due date, that is, on time. For an industry that is consistently the most profitable sector in consumer lending, that is an indefen-

sible way to make a few bucks at the expense of a responsible consumer.

Finally, credit card companies are making a great deal of money off of late fees, over-limit fees and "pay to pay" fees. According to the Government Accountability Office, late fees now average \$34 and over-limit fees \$31. Even more galling is the "pay to pay" fee, which is the \$5-\$15 that many companies charge consumers to pay their bill on time over the phone. Charging folks a fee to pay their bill on time is a travesty.

To make matters worse yet, these hefty fees are then added to the cardholder's outstanding balance so they can be charged interest. In other words, the higher the fees climb, the higher the balances owed and the higher the interest charges on top of that.

A Michigan businessman may have put it best when he told the subcommittee, "I don't blame the credit card issuers for putting me into debt, but I do blame them for keeping me there." American families deserve to be treated honestly and fairly, and that is why I will be introducing legislation to end these abuses.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

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Community Briefs
items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

GHS baseball team to hold dinner

The GHS Baseball team will be holding their second annual Wing Ding Dinner on Monday, March 26, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the Gray Rock Cafe. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased from team members, coaches, 7-Eleven, AuSable Eyecare, or at the door. All proceeds to go to GHS baseball.

Boating safety class to be held

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Roscommon County, will be offering a seven week class of Boating Safety and Seamanship, starting Wednesday, April 11 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., at Roscommon High School. Cost for the class is \$35 and includes textbook. If two people share a textbook, cost for second person is \$5. Class will cover boating rules/regulations, basic navigation, use of personal watercraft and more. Pre-registration is necessary, for information or to register, call 989-821-8433 or 989-821-8240, or email to chuckandag@charter.net.

Eagles to hold annual event

The Grayling Eagles Ladies Auxiliary will hold its 6th Annual Mother, Daughter, Sister Day, on March 24, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. There will be lunch, 50/50 drawing, and door prize raffles. The State Madam President and her officers will be in attendance. Auxiliary members are urged to attend and bring a guest. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children under five are free and available at the door.

River House to hold support group

A 12 week support group for female survivors of sexual violence will begin on March 27, at River House Shelter, Grayling. If interested, call Kriss at 348-3169 or 888-554-3169.

AARP seeks 'Andrus Award for Community Service' nominees

AARP is seeking nominations for its 2007 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors those individuals who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

"Volunteerism is clearly a new way of looking at retirement for older Americans," Eric Schneidewind, State President for AARP Michigan, said. "Many are finding they want to remain active and involved and volunteerism fulfills this need and the desire to help others. Through this recognition, AARP encourages members and prospective members to use their skills and assistance as a way to remain vital as well as make a difference in their community."

The screening of nominees will be performed by AARP Michigan and involves a range of criteria, including positive impact on the lives of individuals age 50 and over, improvement of the community in or for which the work was performed, and inspiration of others to volunteer. The award recipient will be announced on or about Sept. 1, 2007.

AARP Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Nominees must be current AARP volunteers or AARP members; or must have been AARP volunteers or members during 2006.

The accomplishments, achievements or service upon which the nomination is based must include the year 2006, but it need not be exclusive to 2006.

Couples or partners who per-

form service together are also eligible, however teams are not eligible.

The accomplishments, achievements or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP's priority issues of Health, Livable Communities and/or Economic Security.

Please contact Karen Kafantaris, Associate State Director for Community Service for AARP Michigan at 517-267-8916 for further information and a nomination form. The application deadline is June 1, 2007.

The AARP Andrus Award for Community Service is an annual awards program developed to honor individuals whose service is a unique and valuable contribution to society. Last year, AARP recognized 53 outstanding individuals from across the country.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. They produce AARP The Magazine, published bimonthly; AARP Bulletin, a monthly newsletter; AARP Segunda Juventud, a bimonthly magazine in Spanish and English; NRTA Live & Learn, a quarterly newsletter for 50+ educators; and a Web site, AARP.org. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. They have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Murder mystery to provide audience with dinner, drama and a possible prize

Audience members will not only be able to enjoy a meal and show at the Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse in Houghton Lake on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, they'll also have a chance to be part of the drama and fun during the presentation of "Dead and Deader!", a murder mystery by Eileen Moushey.

The cast and crew of the Kirtland Community Theater will help guide the audience through the dinner-theater production, which begins as the movie, "Dead and Deader!" is being filmed. Production of the film was started over a year ago, but the lead actress was killed.

Now, the cast and director

have reassembled a year later to finish the film and then tragedy strikes again, as another cast member is killed. Here's where the fun begins, as the audience gets to figure out who's the killer, with the winning sleuth receiving a prize for their detective work. A few audience members will also participate in the action.

The dinner-theater production will start at 6:30 p.m. both nights. But the night will start with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and show are \$20 per person.

For more information or to make reservations, interested persons may call 989-275-6777.



Above, cast members L - R: John Bawol, Deb Glicker, Whitney DeFlorio, Jerry Werle and Bill Campbell practice their roles during a recent rehearsal.

Free colorectal screenings available

District Health Department #10, with funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health, will help provide FREE risk assessments and screening for colorectal cancer to eligible residents of Crawford and Kalkaska Counties.

Eligibility requirements: Resident of Crawford or Kalkaska County.

No health insurance or limited health insurance that does not cover screening.

Age 50-64
Limited income, for example: one person family, annual income below \$24,500; two person family, annual income below \$33,000; three person family, annual income below \$41,500.

This grant provides a limited number of screenings. Individuals interested in receiving this free cancer screening should contact their local District Health Department #10 office:

Crawford 989-348-7800 ext. 7589 or Kalkaska 231-258-8669 ext. 8634.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Michigan. Colorectal cancer develops from polyps that are found on the lining of the colon or rectum. Polyps are non-cancerous growths that can become cancerous if not detected early and removed.

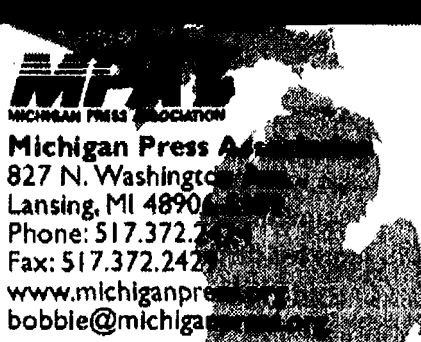
If a polyp becomes cancerous there are often no symptoms in the early stages. As the cancer progresses symptoms may include a change in bowel movement patterns, visible blood, or abdominal discomfort. Unfortunately, most people wait

until long after they experience these symptoms before seeking medical treatment. Colorectal cancer can be prevented if you are screened for the polyps and they are removed before they have the chance to become cancerous.

Current guidelines recommend that all people over the age of 50 be screened. Individuals with a family history or other genetic risk should begin at an earlier age. There are several screening methods, but the easiest is to obtain a fecal occult blood test yearly or a colonoscopy every ten years. Colorectal cancer is preventable and treatable if detected early.

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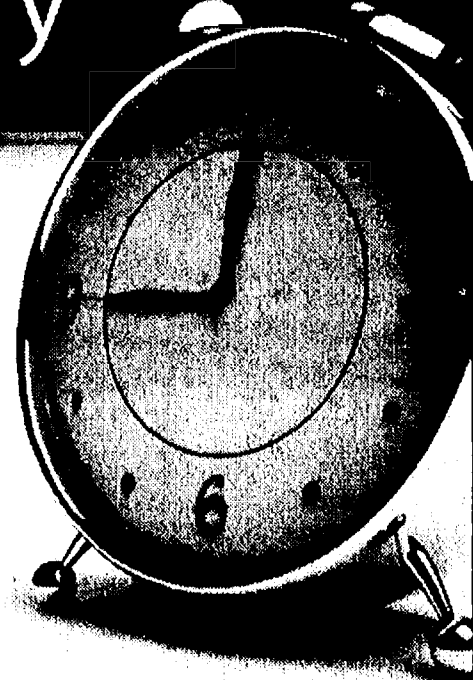
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 23 - Lunch - fishwich, O'Brien potatoes, winter blend vegetables, and grapes. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, March 26 - Lunch - chicken and dumplings, green beans, cauliflower, and tangerine. Dinner - riblet on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, and

pineapple. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cards.

Tuesday, March 27 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, and peach-es. Dinner - roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. quilting and tenant council meeting, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. tax aide clinic, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, March 28 - Lunch - bacon quiche, broccoli, cheesy potato casserole, muffin, and grapes. Dinner - Swedish meatballs over rice, asparagus, peas and carrots and blueberry

crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe bingo.

Thursday, March 29 - Lunch - Hungry Boy casserole, brussels sprouts, corn, and mixed fruit. Dinner - Navy bean soup with ham biscuit, carrots, spinach, and fresh fruit medley. 10 a.m. aerobics, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Bible Speaks

Baptist Roots

Dr. J. M. Carroll wrote a book at the turn of the last century entitled, "The Trail of Blood...Following the Christians Down Through the Centuries...or The History of Baptist Churches From the Time of Christ, Their Founder, to the Present Day." While most religious history is written in ink, the history of Baptists seemed to be written in blood.

Dr. Carroll gave a number of quotes by leaders of other faiths confirming this: "Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past twelve hundred years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers." —Hosius, Letters, Apud Opera, pages 112,113. This was written in A.D. 1524 by Cardinal Hosius, also President of the Council of Trent.

Mosheim (Lutheran): "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of modern Dutch Baptists." Edinburg Cyclopedica (Presbyterian): "It must have already occurred to our readers that the Baptists are the same sect

of Christians that were formerly described as Ana-Baptists. Indeed this seems to have been their leading principle from the time of Tertullian to the present time." Dr. Carroll reminded us that "Tertullian was born just fifty years after the death of the Apostle John."

Before the apostle John there was another man named John. The apostle John wrote of him in John 1:6: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." This man was referred to 14 times in the Bible as John the Baptist. After speaking well of John in Matthew 11:11, our Lord Jesus said in Matthew 11:12: "12And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." We read of the beheading of John the Baptist in Mark 6: "25And she (Herodias) came in straightway with haste unto the king, (Herod) and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist...27And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison," (Mark 6:25,27). John the Baptist was the first in a long line of followers of Jesus Christ to die for their faith.

Baptist remains a hated name for 2,000 years. John was first given that name by His Lord. Baptists did not historically assume this name, but were first named Ana-Baptists by those who hated them. It was used as a term of contempt. The term means re-baptizers because Baptists believed baptism is an individual or personal choice to be made by every believer after they exercise personal faith in Jesus Christ. Finally, the word Ana was dropped and they were simply called Baptists. Personally, I became a Baptist after studying the Bible and searching Mead's Handbook of Denominations to determine which belief or religious system was closest to the Bible. So God's Word made me first a believer, and then a Baptist.

Before studying the history of Baptists, I did not understand their rich heritage. Baptists do not claim to be better than any other people. We were condemned sinners saved by God's grace alone. We are personally unworthy to call ourselves Christians or Baptists. We owe everything to our Lord Jesus. Pastor "B"

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Morning Worship 11 am
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1009 E. 7th St.
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President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
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OBITUARIES



Diane Tyra

Dec. 11, 1946 - March 18, 2007

Diane Tyra, 60, passed away on March 18, 2007, at Munson Hospice House, surrounded by her family.

She was born on December 11, 1946, in Detroit, to Frank G. and Frances Mary (Bitnar) Roldan.

She was married John O. Tyra in Grayling, on July 13, 1991.

She was a homemaker and caregiver, and a "master" fisherman, who could out fish anyone. She loved all animals and was known for her cooking, especially Spanish, Czechoslovakian, and Polish dishes.

She is survived by her husband, John, of Grayling; sons, Andrew (Emily) Tyra of Traverse City, Christopher (Lori) Tyra of Avon Lake, Ohio; grandson, Reese Christopher Tyra; granddaughter, Page Elizabeth Tyra; granddogger "Millie"; mother, Frances M. Roldan of Grayling; sister, Patricia (Scott Hirsch) Hansen of Colville, Wash.; brothers, Larry (Kris) Roldan of Fort Wayne, Ind., Tom Roldan of Winchester, Ky.; nieces and nephews: Kym Roldan, Dylan Roldan, Tom Roldan and Michelle Roldan-Rudzitis.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank G. Roldan.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Munson Hospice House. Arrangements made by Covell Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Vastina Merrell

Nov. 16, 1948 - March 17, 2007

Vastina (Choate) Merrell, 58, of Fenton, passed away on March 17, 2007.

She was born on November 16, 1948, in Flint, to Hershel H. and Arvella (Lewis) Choate.

She married Grant A. Merrell October 28, 1988 and he preceded her in death in 1990.

She is survived by her two children, Teresa Galloway-Swift and Jerry Galloway both of Batesville, Ark.; seven grandchildren; brother, Roger (Sharon) Choate of Linden; sister, Emma (Garry) Savage of Grayling; many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Preston Shipman.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Interment will be in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc.

Memorials may be made to charity of choice. Condolences may be sent to www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Beatrice E. Ferguson

July 30, 1917 - March 12, 2007

Beatrice (Eileen) Ferguson, 89, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away on March 12, 2007, at the Laurels of Mt. Pleasant.

She was born on July 30, 1917, in Port Huron, to William and Edith M. (Love) Ferguson.

She graduated from Grayling High School as the Valedictorian. She worked at the Welch Flooring Mill, Welch Ford Motor and as the Register of Deeds for Crawford County.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Nellie Ferguson of Mt. Pleasant; nephew, William Max (Miriam) Ferguson of Fla.; and grandnieces: Crystal, Twyla, and Ruby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Max Ferguson; and nephew, Michael Ferguson.

The funeral service was held on March 15, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with Rolline Mader and Leal Sullivan officiating.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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only took my hand.

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night, the instant that I died, He

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and pulled me to his side.

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dreams and all that might have

been.

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spirit never dies.

And so now you must go on,

live one day at a time. Please

just understand - God didn't take

me from you, He only took my

hand.

Your mom, sister, brother,

nieces, nephew and families



Monica E. Weideman

Jan. 4, 1925- March 16, 2007

Monica Ellen Weideman, 82, of Grayling, passed away on March 16, 2007.

She was born on January 4, 1925, in Grayling, to the late John and Sadie (Bartlett) Brady.

She graduated from Grayling High School. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She was married to Harry "Art" Weideman on May 18, 1946 and the celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2006. He preceded her in death on January 20, 2007.

She is survived by her children: Cynthia J. (Arthur) Wakeley of Cheboygan, William (Molly) Weideman of Midland and Thomas (Belle) of Troy, Ohio; grandchildren: Katherine and Stacey Wakeley, Michael and Christopher Weideman, Susan Soderberg, Peter and Charlotte Weideman; great-grandson, Elijah Soderberg; brothers: Francis Brady of Ionia, Jerome Brady of Livonia and Bob (Marilyn) Brady of Canton; sisters: Helen Witham of Southfield, Jean (Floyd) McClain of Redford, and Sally Tobin of Livonia.

A Mass of Christian burial took place on March 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 707 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738 or Mid Michigan Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, 3007 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Robert Wakeley

Robert Wakeley, age 77, of Grayling, passed away March 20, 2007. Call Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home at 348-2951 for arrangements.

AREA EVENTS

Gaylord - The Gaylord Eagles will host a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Saturday, March 24. Registration begins at noon, with the game starting at 2 p.m. The "buy-in" is \$50, with a first prize of \$1,100. Prizes will be awarded to 20th place. Game is limited to the first 200 players. A cash bar and food will be available, spectators are welcome. The tournament is open to the public. For more information call Kurt Schulz at 989-390-1962.

St. Helen - A.R.K. Association to Rescue Kitters will begin training new volunteers to help with the feeding and care of the spring babies that will be arriving at "The A.R.K." very soon on Wed. March 28, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Backus Township Hall 3888 S. Maple Valley Rd. (F-97) St. Helen, located next door to "The A.R.K." For more information, call 989-389-3305. A.R.K. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that rescues, rehabilitates and returns to the wild, injured and orphaned wildlife, and is 100% volunteer based. This is an opportunity to see if helping the animals is something you might enjoy doing.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of March 22- 28 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twyn Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during March 22 - 28.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage

Creek. March 22.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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Mediation has become the primary alternative for conflict resolution.

Community Mediation Services, a non-profit organization based in Gaylord which covers 11 northern Michigan counties, has trained mediators available to assist people in resolving any dispute that they may have with another person.

The mission of Community Mediation Services is to assist people in resolving their disputes in a confidential, affordable and peaceful manner by providing trained mediators in a neutral setting.

Facilitative mediation is a defined process used to encourage people with a dispute to talk to each other, listen to what each other has to say and then work together to reach an agreement that all people who are involved in a conflict can live with.

The people with the dispute have the most information about the situation. Therefore, it stands to reason that they would be the best people to make the decision of how the dispute should be settled. In mediation, the people involved have the most power and control of the outcome. No one will tell them what should happen to settle their dispute.

Community Mediation

Services accepts cases referred or ordered by judges. In these cases, the judge expects the parties to schedule and attend mediation. However, the agreement is strictly up to the participants. No one can make you agree. Parties must consider if it would be better to make their own decision regarding the conflict rather than rely on a stranger to make a life-altering decision for them.

Community Mediation Services also accepts cases upon the referral of one of the disputing parties. It is then the intake administrator's responsibility to contact the other party, explain the mediation process and convince them that mediation will be helpful in coming to a resolution in the situation.

Community Mediation Services mediates a wide variety of cases where people would benefit from talking directly with each other, including but not limited to: small claims, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer/merchant conflicts and contractor/homeowner issues and business and contract disputes. Mediators can also address neighbor issues including property associations, property damage, lot line issues and any dispute where both parties agree to try mediation.

Community Mediation Services also conducts several types of specialized mediations that requires mediators with advanced training cases such as pre-divorce and post-divorce issues, property settlement, child custody, visitation and parenting time and victim and youth offender mediations. Mediators can also handle permanency planning for families where the children have been removed due to abuse or neglect, guardianship issues for adults or children and special education issues or facilitation of the Individual Educational Plan for a student with special needs. Mediators also hear civil rights cases as referred by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, U.S. Forest Service matters, U.S. Postal Services Equal Employment Opportunity cases and agriculture mediations regarding land management.

Mediators are community volunteers who receive specialized training in conflict resolution techniques and communication skills. This is a 40-hour class approved by the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office. All Michigan mediators are required to take this initial training. Following training there is an internship, an obser-

vation and co-mediation period, to assure that the new mediator is competent.

Community Mediation Services will offer mediator training beginning Monday, April 9 at the United Way building in Gaylord. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the week of April 9 and April 16. You must attend all 40 hours of training to be qualified. Snacks will be served on weekdays and lunch and snacks on Saturday will be provided.

The cost of training is \$50 per person if you are willing to be a volunteer mediator for Community Mediation Services for two years. If you do not want to be a volunteer mediator, the cost of training is \$500 per person. Course materials will be provided, and a certificate will be issued upon the successful completion of the training and internship.

For additional information, contact Community Mediation Services at (988) 732-1576. Regular office hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Mediation Services can arrange for a speaker to come to address a group or organization.

Cousins collaborate on children's book

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Joshua Léo Mastey, 18, on Oct. 21.

An inscription in the book, for the dedication to Ryan Davis says: "To the best bother and cousin we could have asked for. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten."

"The dedication kind of helps me say something to Ryan even though he's gone and to let him know that we're still thinking about him down here," Davis said. "It's important to me because there were a lot of things that I had a hard time talking about after the accident."

Davis' mother, Jill Anderson, who owns the Gray Rock Cafe, said Ryan was looking forward to seeing the book published, and would be pleased to see the project come to fruition.

"I'm very proud of Justin and am pleased that he was able to get this experience," Anderson said.

Davis and Howard have talked about doing a series of books with the Lardo character, as well as creating other characters for children's books that teach kids life lessons.

Davis and Howard communi-

cated through e-mail for most of the project, sending illustrations and drafts to each other and keeping other family members updated on their project.

"Just in its own right, the way they worked together, it's quite an accomplishment," said Wayne Davis, Justin's father.

Davis has attended art classes at Mid-Michigan Community College as well as at the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. Davis has to finish a couple of semester's at Kirtland Community College to earn his associate's in fine arts degree with the ultimate goal of returning to the Kendall College of Art and Design for further schooling.

Davis said he revisited some of his favorite children's books while working on Where's Lardo, including classic Disney and Curious George books he enjoyed as a child. He looks forward to his future artistic endeavors, whether it be creating children's books, painting and drawing or illustrations for comic books.

"I thought it would be something that I grew out of, but I guess not," he said.

Where's Lardo is available through Trafford Publishing, Amazon.com and will also be sold at the Gray Rock Cafe.

Mercy Nurse obtains training for end-of-life issues

Providing comfort and symptom relief for patients nearing the end of their lives is part of the overall emphasis on quality care at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Marian Long, RN, a certified holistic nurse, joined hundreds of other nurses from around the nation in Washington, D.C., last fall for training provided by the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium. Nurses received information about palliative care, which addressed the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of patients and their families at this difficult time.

"Nurses spend more time with patients who are facing the end of life than any other member of the health care team," Long said. "Yet studies show that many nurses feel inadequately prepared to provide the comprehensive care so important at that time, especially in the hospital

setting."

Long, coordinator of the Holistic Clinical Practice department at the hospital, brought back lots of information to help the hospital enhance its efforts at providing the full spectrum of patient care. Long's training covered end-of-life nursing care, ethical issues, communication, cultural considerations, loss and bereavement, and many other topics.

"We have organized a steering committee composed of clinical staff and management to explore how best to implement a palliative care program here," Long said. "Nursing education already has begun using interactive computer models, and we are working to standardize the forms and procedures for end-of-life care."

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The gift that keeps on shooting – or fishing or camping?

by Erik Adams
Capitol News Service

Say you're a grandparent, and one of your grandkids has a birthday coming up. Little Jack or Jill is showing an appreciation for the outdoors, and you want to get him or her a gift to foster that appreciation — say a hunting or fishing license.

There's only one catch: to receive a license, the user must be present at the purchase.

If a pending Senate bill passes, you could buy a gift certificate from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that your budding conservationist could redeem for a license.

"It adds a level of convenience for individuals who are trying to find that perfect gift for that person that wants to be more engaged in the outdoors," said Jason Dinsmore, a resource policy specialist for Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Currently, the DNR offers gift

certificates online that can be used for motor vehicle permits, camping and mooring fees, and for other merchandise sold at state parks, recreation areas and harbors. The department has sold 1,102 certificates since the program began in December 2006, bringing in a total of \$27,550.

The bill would expand those options to include fees for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, off-road vehicle use and camping in state forests.

Rodney Stokes, legislative liaison for the DNR, said revenue from gift certificate purchases would go toward services related to those fees. For instance, park camping fees would go toward the department's park improvement fund.

"We have separate accounts for each one of these, so any individual who's buying something and wants to support a particular program would be guar-

anteed that that money is going to support the program," he said.

Dinsmore said the certificate program could be a boon to the DNR in the face of the state budget crisis.

"The department is increasingly under the burden of licensing and license sales, and with increasing cuts in general fund support going to the department, it's always important to make sure you have an active public that's using those recreational properties and using those recreational licenses," he said.

Similar gift certificate programs operate in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, said Veronica LaDuke, communications director for the primary sponsor, Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

Since 1999, the Ohio DNR has offered gift certificates redeemable for any license or permit available through its wildlife division.

However, Michelle Jones, a public inquiry officer for the department, said the program hasn't caught on, even during the December holiday season, despite promotional efforts.

"The Christmas time of year falls after the hunting seasons," she said. "Most people rush out early in the season — the middle of February when licenses become available — just to get their own license."

Between 900 and 950 DNR gift certificates are sold in Ohio annually, while 2 million traditional licenses and permits are sold.

Meanwhile, certificates for Michigan state park, recreation area and harbor fees are available for \$25 online at the Michigan e-Store at www.mimall.michigan.gov.

Stokes said prices for the proposed certificates would vary by option, costing the same as the fees for those options.

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Mackinac Island park to display commander's guns, portrait

by Brooke Meier
Capitol News Service
Col. William Whistler, a gallant

commander of Fort Mackinac and heroic fighter in the Battle of Maguaga near Detroit during the War of 1812, is being honored by the Mackinac State Historic Parks (MSHP) through a new exhibition of his guns, a portrait and a war medallion.

Whistler, a native of Maryland, began his 60-year Army career in 1801.

He served at every major military post on the Great Lakes, including twice as commander of Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island in 1823 and 1833.

Whistler died in Detroit in 1863 at age 80 just two years after retiring.

MSHP chief curator Steve Brisson said one of the most dramatic moments of Whistler's service is depicted on the medallion he received after Wisconsin's Winnebago War in 1827.

Tensions between settlers and the tribe were well established before the initial escalation of violence. In March 1826, six

Winnebagos were accused of killing a family of maple sugar makers. The six men stood trial and were punished.

The war began in June 1827 when settlers breached a boundary agreement after lead ore was discovered on Winnebago land.

In retaliation for the broken treaty, a band of Winnebagos attacked and killed a farmer and a former soldier.

Acts of violence on both sides fueled the bitter feelings between the tribe and settlers. The Army stepped in to prevent further bloodshed.

In July 1827, Chief Red Bird surrendered to Whistler, ending the war. Whistler received the medallion to celebrate the occasion.

Brisson said, "These are original objects that at one time were with Whistler at Mackinac. The image alone of an officer from the fort is priceless to us."

"That it comes with his pistols and the charming medallion,

commemorating an important event in the history of the Old Northwest in which he was personally involved, are icing on the cake."

The pair of Whistler's pistols, the medallion and a portrait by Grove Sheldon Gilbert were bought for \$60,000 from a dealer who received them from Whistler's great-granddaughter.

Brisson said the money to buy the collection came from a grant from Mackinac Associates, as well as proceeds from a golf outing organized by Karen Karam, a Mackinac Island state park commissioner from Ray, Mich.

A local Mackinac Island family, the Callawaerts, and more than 90 other donors also contributed.

The museum staff is preparing the artifacts for exhibition this summer in the fort's Soldier Barracks.

Whistler's nephew, James McNeil Whistler is also famous. He painted "Whistler's Mother" and other notable works.

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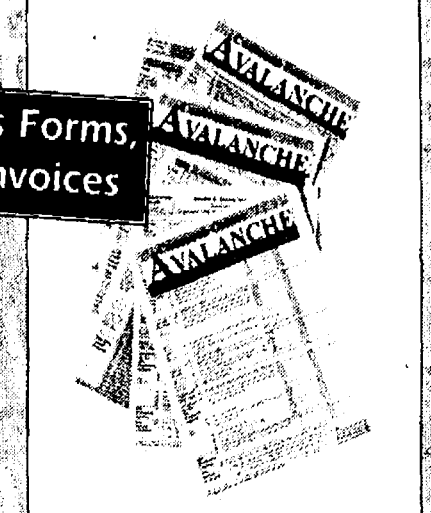
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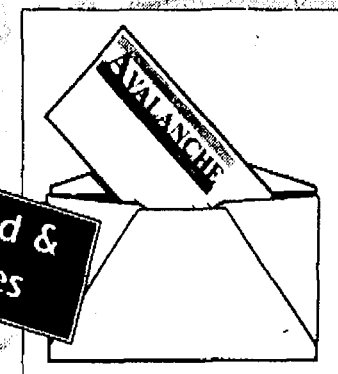


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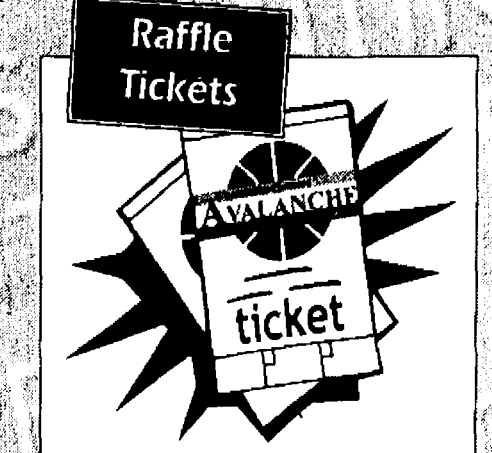


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BIRTHS

Katie and Daniel Bauer of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Adan Lewis Wayne, born at Mercy Hospital on March 8, 2007, at 11:41 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Jennifer Johnson and George Bielat, Jr., of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Kaya Chevelle, born at Mercy Hospital on March 6, 2007, at 2:09 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Danielle Albright and Matt

Cottrell, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Jaden Lee, born at Mercy Hospital on March 7, 2007, at 1:35 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

John and Rena Smock, of Denver, Colo., announce the arrival of a son, Jarius Seth, born at Rose Medical Center on March 3, 2007, weighing 8 lbs., 3.5 ozs. and measuring 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Donald and Bernetta Smock, of Grayling and Ed and Linda Efav, of Denver.

HONORS

Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University announced students who were placed on the dean's list for the Fall 2006 semester. Area students who earned 3.5 grade point average and were enrolled a min-

imum of 12 credits from Grayling are: Emily E. Fox, Laura M. Gassman, Tracey Lewis, Amanda K. Lutz, and Monica A. Nemeth; Sarah E. Barber and Ann M. Bozzo, from Roscommon.

Card of Thanks

On Feb. 23, our grandson, Andrew, who was staying with us for a few days from down state, was seriously injured in a freak accident while snow tubing at Hanson Hills.

First, we would like to thank the Ski Patrol at Hanson Hills for their quick response and concern. Secondly, we want to thank the emergency room staff at Grayling Mercy Hospital. When it became apparent that Andrew's injuries were very serious, appropriate decisions

were made quickly. Since Andrew's mother was not visiting at the time, the doctors at Mercy communicated with her down state via cell phone. The decision was made by the ER physicians that due to multiple facial fractures, a concussion, and possible other closed head injuries, Andrew needed to be transported immediately to Children's Hospital in Detroit. This was done by North Flight Ambulance Service. We cannot say enough about the kind and caring treatment we all received from the ambulance staff.

Because the Mercy staff made prior arrangements with Children's Hospital, Andrew was directly admitted to the trauma unit and received appropriate treatment immediately upon arrival there. I'm happy to report that Drew is recovering nicely, and it appears he will not suffer any long term effects from this injury.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved. You all were awesome.

Ruth and Warren Kazmer,
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Kirkwood, Pilon engaged



Mary Kirkwood and Joseph Pilon

Michael Kirkwood, Sr., of Little Lake and Mame Kirkwood of Marquette, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Michelle Kirkwood to Joseph Mason Pilon, son of John and Ruth Pilon, of Grayling.

Mary is a 2002 graduate of Gwinn High School and a 2006 graduate of Northern Michigan

University. She is currently employed by BioLife Plasma Services of Marquette.

John is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School and a 2005 graduate of Northern Michigan University. He is currently employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Marquette.

A September 29 wedding is planned.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 74 complaints the week of March 12 - March 18:

One hazardous situations, one delinquent minors, three false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, two assault and battery/simple assaults, eight larcenies, one fraudulent activities, two damage to properties, two drug/narcotic violations, five public peace/disorderlies, three health

and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, seven traffic accidents, four civil matters/family disputes, 14 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 13 general non-criminal complaints and four driving violations/driving while license suspended.

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Labor, restaurant industry, face off on pay for workers

by Nick Pelton
Capitol News Service

Many restaurant owners are worried about a union-backed proposal to almost double the minimum wage for tipped workers.

"It's going to help nothing," said Andy Deloney, director of public affairs for the Michigan Restaurant Association. "We're fighting this, talking to legislators."

Currently, tipped workers get a minimum of \$2.65 an hour, and tips account for the rest of their income.

A pending bill would increase their base pay to \$4.65 by July 1, and to \$4.90 a year later.

The bill would boost the tipped minimum by the same amount as the minimum wage increase last year for other workers, said co-sponsor Fred Miller, D- Mount Clemens.

"It's about bottom-up economic stimulus for working families," he said.

"I think the bottom line is it's a matter of fairness," said Ken Fletcher, legislative director of the AFL-CIO, which backs the proposal. "\$2.65 is a ridiculous wage that no one can live on."

Miller, who chairs the House Labor Committee, said that Gov.

Jennifer Granholm supported a similar increase last year.

Deloney said the proposed hike would cause problems for the restaurant industry.

Many large and small restaurant owners have complained about the potential cost, he said.

As an example, the owner of one small, independent restaurant would face a \$60,000-a-year increase in payroll costs, Deloney said. "Stories like that are all over the state."

The legislation would lead to layoffs and price increases and would slow down growth plans, he predicted.

But Fletcher of the AFL-CIO said higher wages would make their way back into the economy as tipped employees spend more. "That money gets turned around very quickly."

Not all restaurant owners see the proposal as a huge worry.

For example, Douglas Kulmacz, who owns Hillcrest Family Restaurant in Cadillac, said he wouldn't have to raise prices or layoff staff.

"It would be a concern, but not a major concern," he said, adding, "We suffered through the last minimum wage increase."

Kulmacz said most of his wait staff already earns more than the

current minimum. "They're the best-paid employees in the restaurant."

Miller said servers and bartenders aren't the only workers who get tips. The casino industry, which is expanding in Michigan, also has many tipped employees.

Deloney said, Technically, tipped employees must make at least the minimum wage like any other employees. If their tips aren't enough to bring their hourly rate to the minimum wage, their employers must make up the difference.

"Every employee in the state is guaranteed a minimum wage," he said.

But Fletcher said that doesn't always happen because workers often share tips, and some employees fall through the cracks of the system so their actual pay falls below the minimum.

"The end result is that they bring home a poverty-level income," he said. "They need at least an increase."

In 2006, Michigan's minimum wage rose by \$1.80 to \$6.95 per hour. It will increase again to \$7.15 on July 1, and to \$7.40 next year.

The bill has been referred to the House Labor Committee.

Loan programs help people with disabilities buy technology or equipment to work from home

The Michigan Disability Rights Coalition has joined with United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan and the Financial Health Credit Union to offer two innovative programs throughout the State of Michigan.

The Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund allows people with disabilities to buy assistive technology equipment and devices. The Michigan TeleWork Loan Fund permits people with disabilities to buy computers and equipment to work from home for an employer or to start a home-based business.

These programs provide low cost, fixed-rate loans to qualified applicants to finance the purchase of assistive technology devices and services, and equipment needed to work from home. To participate in the program, applicants must be individuals with disabilities, parents or guardians of individuals with disabilities, or for the TeleWork Loan Fund, employers of persons with disabilities.

The Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund

(MATLF) program helps people with disabilities buy adapted computers, make modifications to their automobiles or homes, buy hearing and communication devices and much, much more. With these devices, individuals can increase their independence and improve their quality of life.

The Michigan TeleWork Loan Fund (MTLF) allows people with disabilities to buy the equipment necessary to work from home. This can include office furniture, computers, appliances, and farm equipment. With this Loan Fund, barriers to employment such as inadequate transportation, fatigue, inaccessible work environments, and the need for personal assistance can be reduced or eliminated.

The Loan Funds were developed as a result of the difficulty people often have when trying to obtain conventional financing to purchase assistive technology equipment. It is often very difficult for individuals with disabilities to save enough money to purchase computers and adaptive technology (e.g. screen

readers, voice synthesizers, adaptive keyboards, and specialized software). Cash benefit programs do not provide sufficient funds for both living expenses and savings, and income support programs limit the number of assets a person can accumulate. For a number of reason, individuals with disabilities often find it difficult to access loans as a method to purchase necessary equipment. Lenders often will not take such devices as collateral or the amount of the device may be below the minimum amount lent by an institution. Both Loan Funds have no minimum limits but the MATLF has a maximum limit of \$30,000 and the MTLF has a maximum limit of \$20,000.

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He is the grandson of Joann Merithew, of Grayling, and nephew of Diane Hiser, of Mio.

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Basketball players earn all-league, team awards for 2006-07 season

■ Three Grayling Vikings named to this year's all-conference team in LMC

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball squad handed out team awards at its end-of-the-season banquet last Wednesday, and also recently announced its three all-conference performers for the year.

The Vikings had three all-league players in the Lake Michigan Conference this season: Steve Hodge (first team), Mike Boylan (first team), and Jim Boylan (honorable mention). All three players are seniors.

Grayling's team award honorees included:

Most Valuable Player – M. Boylan, senior. M. Boylan was second on the team in points with 244, led the squad in rebounding with 197, and had a team-high 40 blocked shots this season.

Most Improved Player – Josh Stapleton, junior. Stapleton had 158 points this year (fourth on team), 49 steals (third on team),

61 assists (tied for second), and hit 21 three-pointers (second).

Mr. Offense – Hodge, senior. Hodge was Grayling's scoring leader with 300 points. He shot 42 percent from three-point range, leading the team with 51 triples this year. He was second on the squad in assists (tie) with 61, and second in steals with 59.

Mr. Defense – Rich Schreiber, junior. Schreiber led the Vikings in steals with 93 and was fourth in rebounding with 66 boards. He added 106 points (fifth on team) and had a team-high 106 assists.

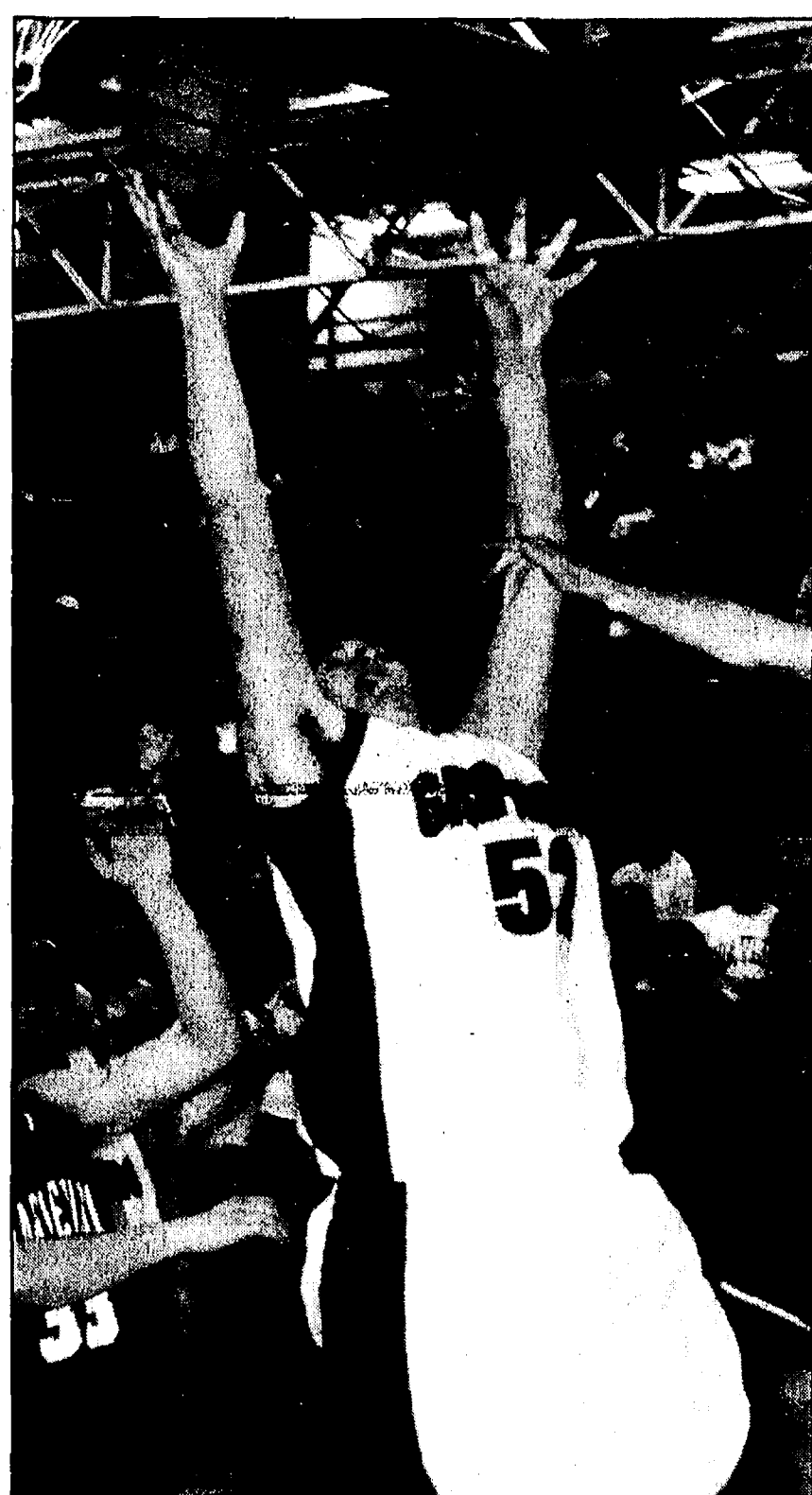
Mr. Hustle – Nick Parkinson, senior. Parkinson was third on the team in rebounding with 104 and fourth in steals with 36.

J. Boylan, Grayling's third all-conference player, was the squad's third leading scorer (172 points), second leading rebounder (184), and second leading shot blocker (31).

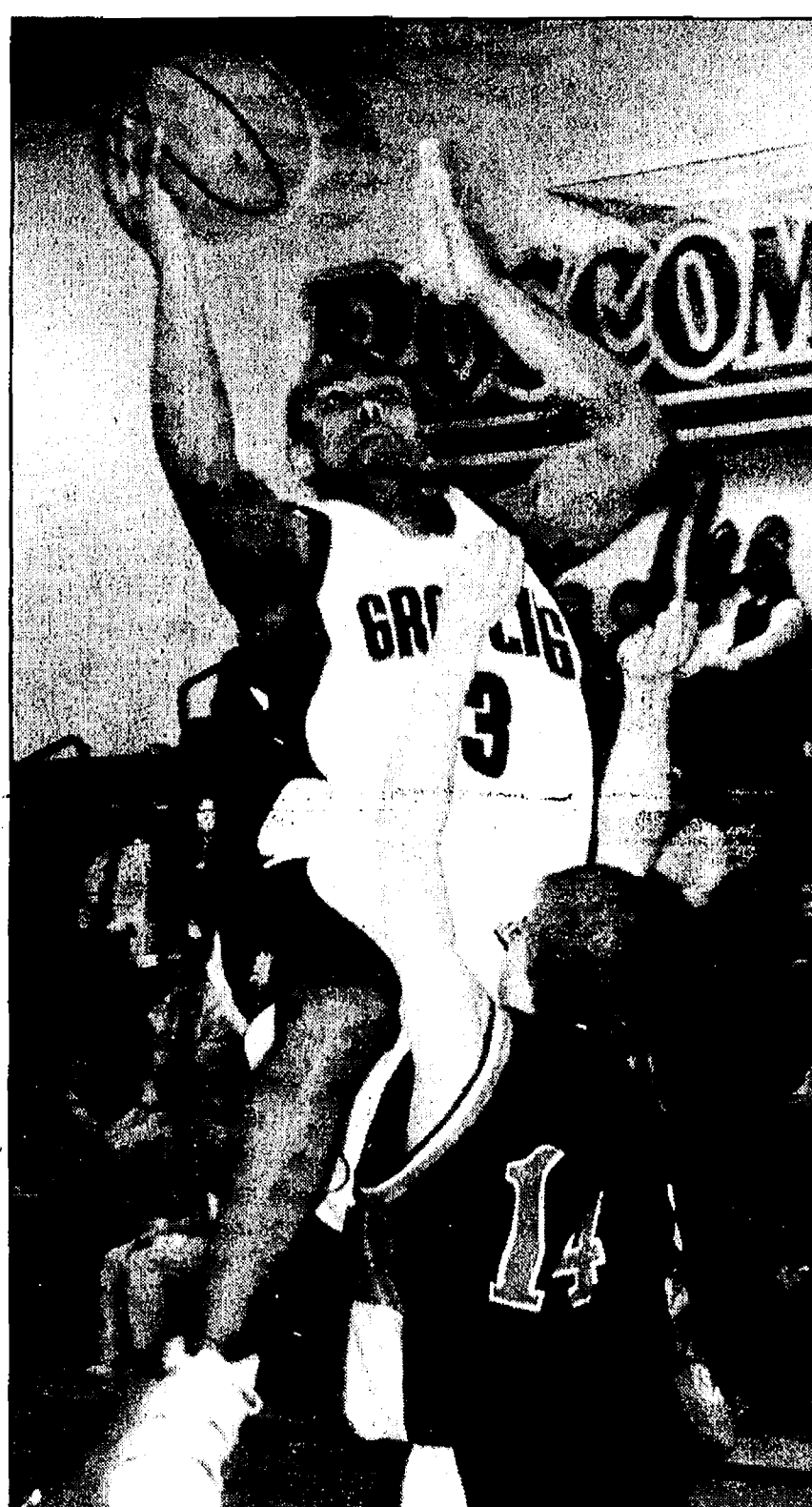
Final statistics for the GHS varsity basketball squad's 2006-07 season include:

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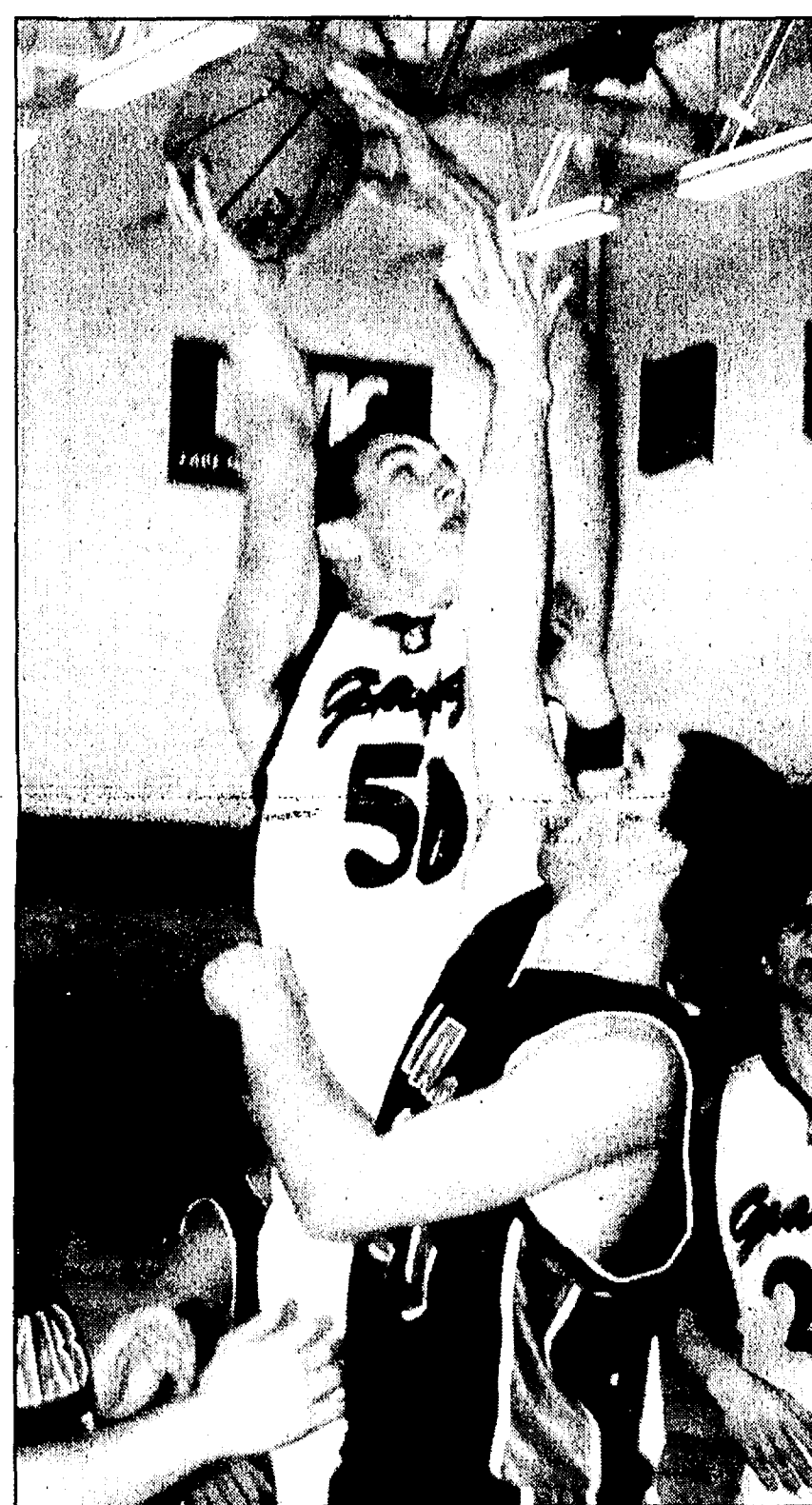
See "BASKETBALL..."



Mike Boylan, All-Conference First Team,
Team Award: Most Valuable Player



Steve Hodge, All-Conference First Team,
Team Award: Mr. Offense



Jim Boylan, All-Conference
Honorable Mention



Richard Schreiber, Team Award: Mr. Defense



Josh Stapleton, Team Award: Most Improved Player



Nick Parkinson, Team Award: Mr. Hustle



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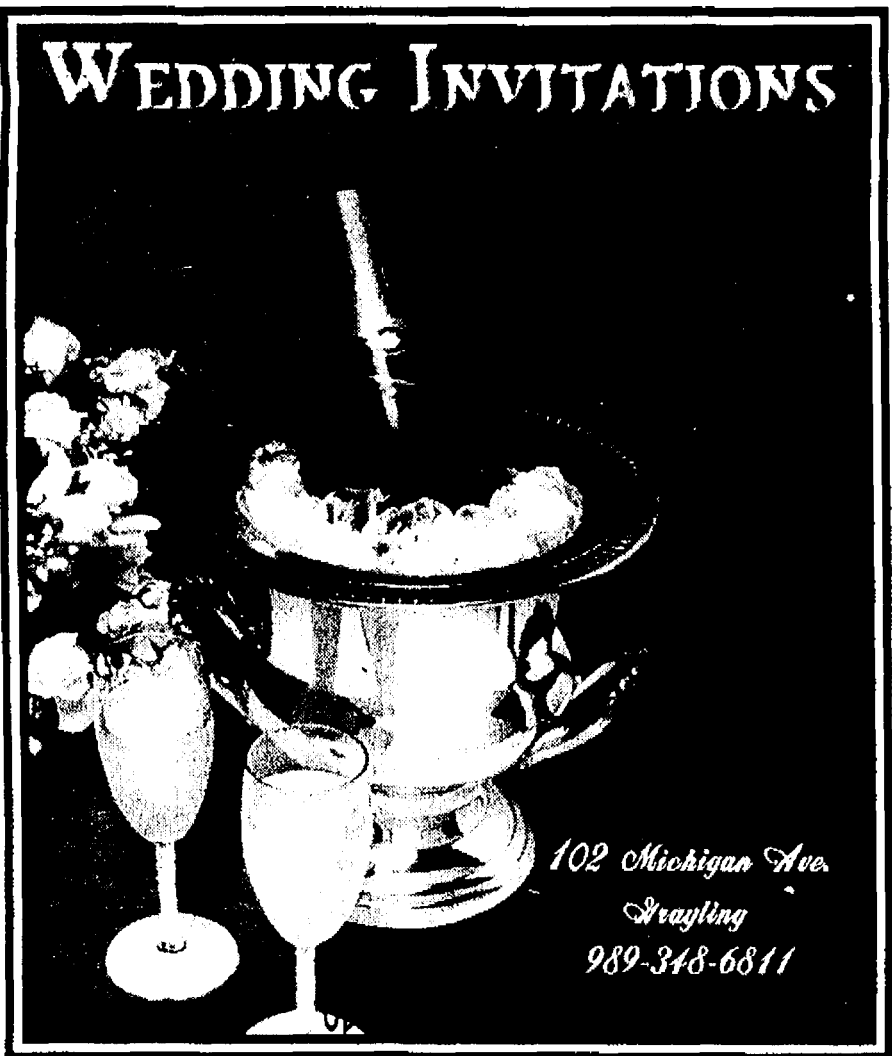
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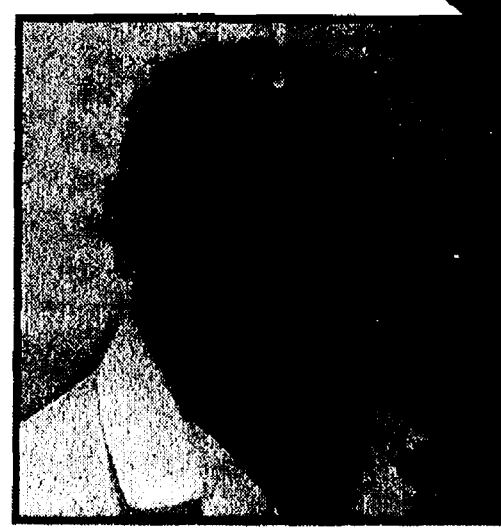


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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Women's Team

The 2006-07 season came to an abrupt end for the Kirtland Community College women's basketball team with an 87-69 loss to St. Clair County Community College on Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XII, District H tournament.

The four-day, 10-team tournament was hosted by Oakland Community College at its Waterford campus.

The Firebirds looked to be within striking range at halftime on Wednesday, trailing St. Clair by just three points, 38-35. But the Skippers dominated the second half, outscoring Kirtland by 15 points, 49-34, after the intermission.

"The first half was a good game," said Kirtland head coach Tom Ritter. "(But) we just didn't play defense, at least not in the second half."

Two Kirtland cagers posted solid all-round efforts in their last game wearing a Firebirds uniform. Sophomore center Chelsey Williams (Houghton Lake) led the Firebirds with 21 points, 16 rebounds and 3 blocked shots, while sophomore guard Rena Barnett (Pine River) chipped in with 14 points, a team-high 6 assists, 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

Freshman guard Trisha Petersen (Grayling) also scored in double-digits for Kirtland, tallying 13 points, 5 boards, 4 assists and 1 steal in the season-ending loss.

Other contributors for Kirtland included: sophomore forward Natalie Foster (Houghton Lake) with 6 points, 8 rebounds and 2 assists; freshman guard Tiera Derrick-Jones (Detroit Northwestern) with 6 points and 3 assists; freshman guard Jessica Smith (Mio) with 4 points and 2 rebounds; freshman forward Alyssa Loney (Houghton Lake) with 3 points, 3 steals and 2 boards; and freshman forward Brittany West (Detroit Finney) with 2 points, 6 rebounds and 1 assist.

The Firebirds finished their season at 11-18 overall and 7-11 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Eastern Conference play.

Men's Team

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team

scored the first six points of its junior college tournament clash with visiting Vincennes University (Ind.) at Fairview High School on Saturday, March 3. That was the good news, as the host Firebirds held a 6-2 advantage after the first two minutes of action in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XII one-game tournament. The bad news was the Trailblazers went on to dominate the final 38 minutes on their way to a crushing 117-59 victory over Kirtland.

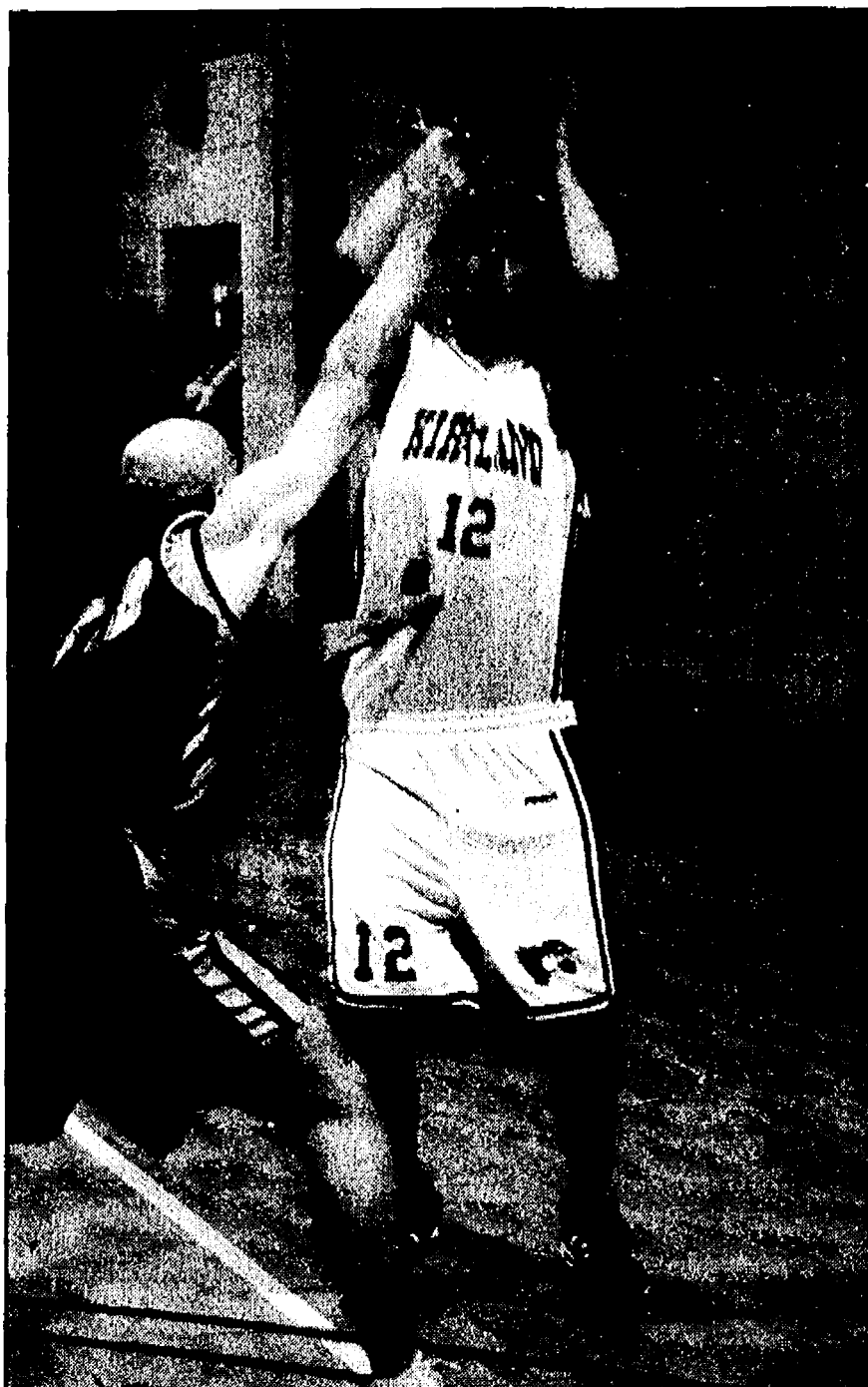
Vincennes (23-6 overall) quickly rallied and countered the Firebirds' fast start, forging a 19-8 lead with 14:12 still left to play in the first half. And the Trailblazers never looked back, riding the hot shooting of guards D'Ante Harris and Jeff Mattingly, and forward R.J. Reed, with the trio combining for 50 points and knocking down nine three-pointers. Harris and Reed each scored 18 points to lead Vincennes, while Mattingly hit for 14 points.

Kirtland (15-14 overall) trailed at halftime, 61-32.

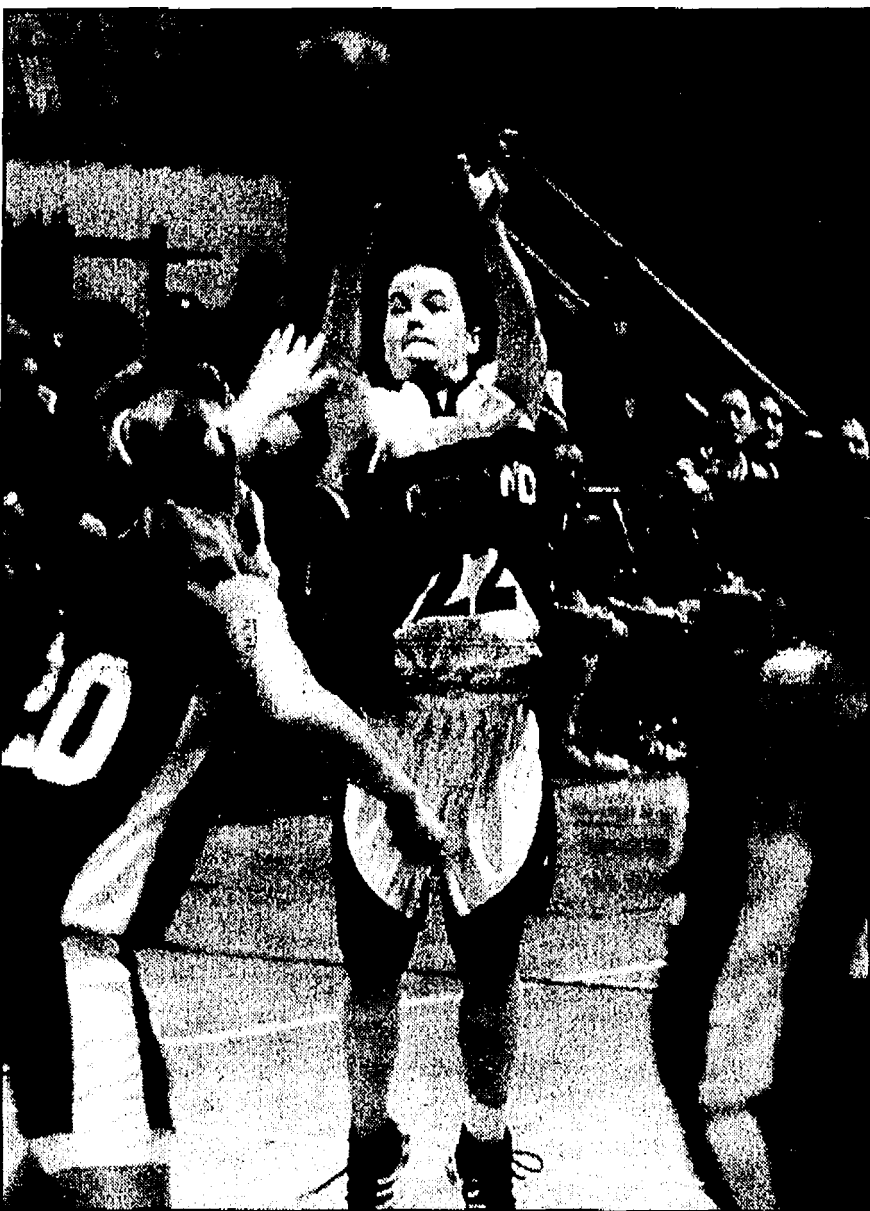
Freshman forward Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) scored a game-high 21 points for the Firebirds, while also tallying 3 assists, 1 steal and 1 rebound. Freshman forward Jerry Follot (Northwestern, MD) was the only other Kirtland cager to score in double digits with 19 points. Follot also grabbed 7 rebounds, blocked 2 shots and had 2 steals in Saturday's season-ending loss.

Other contributors for Kirtland included: freshman forward Leroy Allen (Henry Ford Academy) with 9 points, a team-high 9 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal; sophomore guard Matt Tompkins (Fairview) with 7 points, 3 assists, 3 steals, 2 rebounds and 1 blocked shot; sophomore forward-center Josh Burmester (Roscommon) with 3 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; freshman guard Mark Schafer (St. Ignace) with 3 rebounds and 2 steals; freshman guard Gordon Jacobs (Fairview) with 1 assist and 1 steal; and freshman guard Zeke Hayes (Grayling) with 1 rebound.

For more information on KCC athletic programs, call 989-275-5000, extension 385, or visit online at firebirds.kirtland.edu.



Zeke Hayes, a Grayling High School graduate, shoots a three-pointer for the Kirtland Firebirds.



Trisha Petersen takes a jump shot for Kirtland. Petersen is also a GHS graduate.

BOWLING LEAGUE

National First
Faustman Insurance 59 - 18
Continental Rental 45 - 32

Scott Pittman Bld. 41 - 36
J. Bag, 38 - 39
Upper Lakes 37 - 40
Great Lakes Mort. 36 - 41
Legion Lanes 27 - 50
Corky's Karaoke 25 - 52
High Series: J. Helsel, 589; C. Rock, 573; P. Thomas, 570.
High Game: J. Rasmussen, 244; P. Bernardo, Sr., 232; C. Rock, 227.

Friday Mixed Doubles
Collen & Starks 39.5 - 12.5
G.L. Hauling 32 - 20
Forget About It 28.5 - 23.5
Poopsie Pin Pounders ... 28 - 24
American Legion 23 - 29
Moshier Auto 21 - 31
New "Kids" 18.5 - 33.5
Great Lakes Roofing. 17.5 - 34.5
High Series Men: R. Sartin, 619; P. Thomas, 581; D. Wallace, 577.
High Game Men: R. Sartin, 266; F. Periard, 226; P. Thomas, 220.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 606; C. Moore, 519; M. Moshier, 504.
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 217; M. Moshier, 197; C. Moore, 184.

Senior Bowling
Grayling Pharmacy 81 - 23
Flowers By Josie 61 - 43
Gaylord Electric. 55.5 - 48.5
Bear's Den Pizza 51 - 53
Kickin Grass 49 - 55
Sylvester's 46 - 58

Spike's 41.5 - 62.5
Lone Pine 31 - 73
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 488; J. Brown, 487; C. Clark, 458.
High Game Women: C. Clark, 189; H. Stairs, 183; J. Brown, 172.
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 627; J. Rasmussen, 541; D. Williamson, 530.
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 243; J. Rasmussen, 190; D. Williamson, 188.

Pioneer League
McDonald's 27 - 5
Grayling Rest 20 - 12
T. C. Lawncare 18 - 14
"5" B's 17 - 15
Cal Dutton Const. 16 - 16
Tim's Collision. 12 - 20
G.B.D. Const. 11 - 21
Spicy Bob's 7 - 25
High Series: H. Stairs, 535; P. D'Amour, 524; T. Rock, 523.
High Game: C. Clark, 210; P. D'Amour, 206; T. Rock, 202.

American Men's League
McLeans ACE 17 - 11
Scheer Motors 16 - 12
Fenton's Auto Serv. 16 - 12
Grayling Chiropractic .. 16 - 12
GADCO 15 - 13
West Side Diner 14 - 14
Derwich Ind 11 - 17
Moore's Auto 7 - 21
High Series: L. Davis, 683; J.

Rabideau, 623; L. Davis, 616.
High Game: L. Davis, 234; L. Davis, 224; T. Kotrash, 222.

Recreation League
American Legion 34 - 14
Grayling Housing. 28.5 - 19.5
Hawk Ridge Golf 25.5 - 22.5
Mickey Perez CPA 22 - 26
Woody Girls 22 - 26
Glen's Market 21 - 27
Days Inn 20 - 28
Gale Enterprises 19 - 29
High Series: D. Mead, 567; L. Seibert, 548; M. Starks, 531.
High Game: M. Starks, 225; L. Seibert, 213; D. Mead, 203.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
Jerry's Jokers 43 - 27
Cuts and More 40 - 30
Gray Rock Cafe #1 40 - 30
Gray Rock Cafe #2 36 - 34
Little Tyke Daycare. 34 - 36
Spikes 28 - 42
River Rats 25 - 45
Dennco 23 - 47
High Series Men: T. Winchel, 523; JR. Akers, 518; R. Strohpaul, 509.
High Game Men: T. Winchel, 227; D. Morse, 199; R. Strohpaul, 189.
High Series Women: C. Wyatt, 521; T. Rock, 511; R. Brown, 494.
High Game Women: C. Wyatt, 189; R. Brown, 186; T. Rock, 179.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings
Two Track I 163
Frederic Inn 157
Holiday Inn 146

Two Track II 118
Sawmill 109
Growlers Pub 94
Legion 89

5 Ball Runs: Beth (Growlers), Cookie (Legion), Marie (Two Track I), and Dee (Two Track II).

Basketball players earn all-league, team awards for 2006-07 season

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Points - Hodge, 300; M. Boylan, 244; J. Boylan, 172; Stapleton, 158; Schreiber, 106; Parkinson, 70; Trent Larm, 69; Jeremiah Bootz, 48; Justin Summers, 23; Spencer Dean, 23; Jason Drudge, 20; Rocky McNamara, 17; Matt

McDonald, 8.

Rebounds - M. Boylan, 197; J. Boylan, 184; Parkinson, 104; Schreiber, 66; Bootz, 51; Stapleton, 36; Dean, 33; Hodge, 30; McNamara, 27; Larm, 25; Drudge, 24; Summers, 17; McDonald, 2.

Assists - Schreiber, 106;

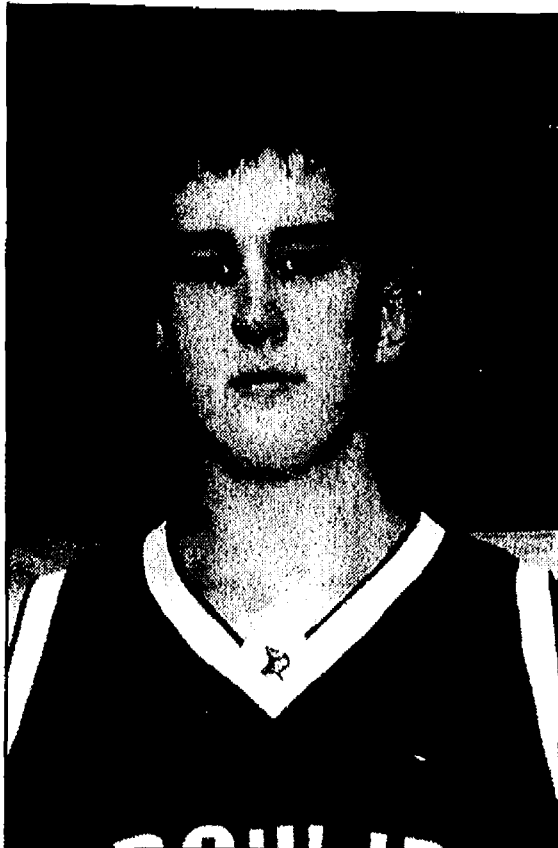
Hodge, 61; Stapleton, 61; Drudge, 24; Parkinson, 22; M. Boylan, 17; J. Boylan, 13; Larm, 11; Dean, 9; Summers, 7; Bootz, 6; McNamara, 3.

Steals - Schreiber, 93; Hodge, 59; Stapleton, 49; Parkinson, 36; J. Boylan, 34; M. Boylan, 23; Drudge, 20; Dean, 14;

Larm, 11; Summers, 9; McNamara, 9; Bootz, 8; McDonald, 2.

Blocks - M. Boylan, 40; J. Boylan, 31; Hodge, 11.

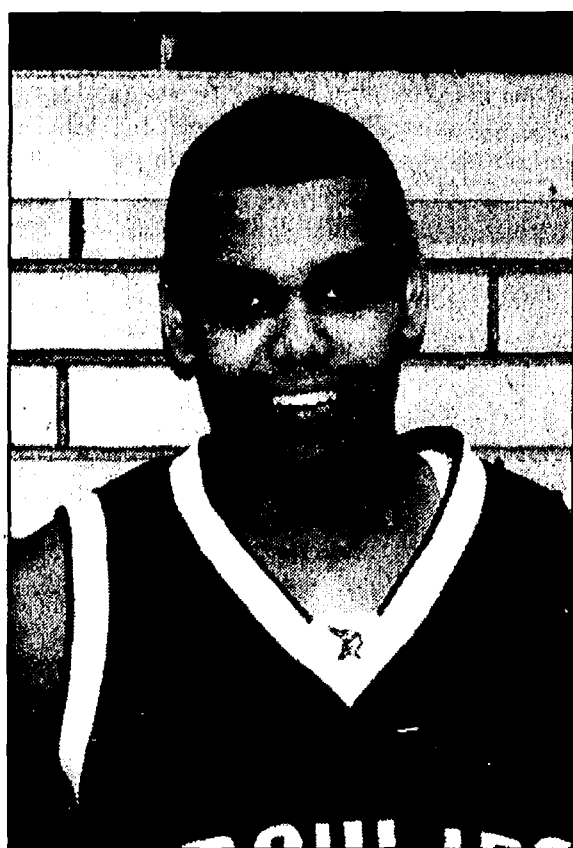
The Vikings posted an 8-12 regular season record this year, with a 6-8 record in Lake Michigan Conference contests.



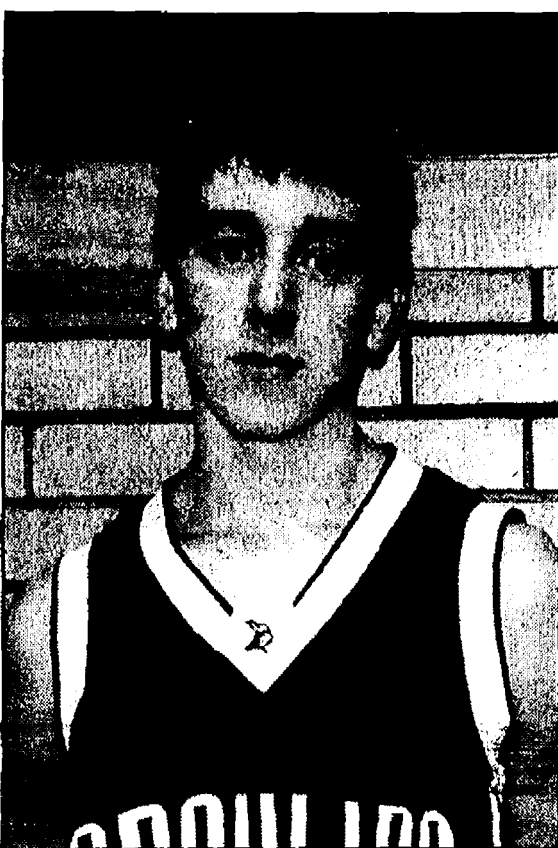
Mike Boylan



Jim Boylan



Steve Hodge



Richard Schreiber



Josh Stapleton



Nick Parkinson

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alice L. Duby, a single woman, Mortgagors, to GreenPoint Credit, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 26th day of July, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of August, 1999 in Liber 488 of Crawford County Records, page 618, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing, LLC f/k/a GreenPoint Credit, LLC, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Four Thousand Nine

Hundred Sixty Three & 81/100 (\$84,963.81), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of April, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises

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The Beaver Creek Township Board will be closing the existing transfer site on Merrio Road and will be holding two public meetings to answer questions to help you decide whether you would prefer to build a new transfer site or have door to door pickup.

Township property owners with improved properties will be receiving a letter in the mail explaining both options, and a ballot for your vote. Voting deadline is April 30, 2007.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 27, 2007, at 7:00 PM at the Beaver Creek Township Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI. A second meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 14, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Community Center.

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The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 29th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL at a special meeting of the board.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage increase operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes .9533 over such revenues generated by levies permitted without hold a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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NOTICE TO SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

As adopted at the March 13th Board Meeting, and under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

- All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N M-18, Roscommon.
- Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 10, 2007	May 8, 2007	June 12, 2007
July 10, 2007	August 14, 2007	September 11, 2007
October 9, 2007	November 13, 2007	December 11, 2007
January 8, 2008	February 12, 2008	March 11, 2008

Annual Meeting: March 11, 2008, after Regular Board Meeting.

LEGAL ACTION

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP PROPERTY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ordinance 2007 -01

An ordinance to provide rules and regulations for properties owned and under the direct, legal jurisdiction of Grayling Township and provide penalties for the violation thereof.

Definitions.

A. "Fish Hatchery Nature Park" or "the park." Refers to that parcel of land in Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Section 5, currently under lease to Grayling Township from the County of Crawford. The parcel is bordered on the south by North Down River Road, on the West by Roberts Road, on the North by private properties, and on the east by private properties. The park includes approximately 45-acres of land and is split from north to south by the AuSable River East Branch.

B. "Township board" or "the board." Refers to the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees. The seat of Grayling Township government is located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. (989) 348-4361.

C. "Agent or Representative" of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees includes the township supervisor, zoning administrator, assistant zoning administrator, ordinance enforcement officer, and any other person so designated by the township board.

D. "Person" or "persons." Refers to any individuals, male or female, singular or plural, firms, corporations, organizations, or any group or gathering of individuals.

E. "Vehicle." Refers to all motorized and non-motorized, mechanical means of transportation which have wheels or tracks and hand-controlled steering devices, including, but not limited to cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, snowmobiles, etc.

F. "Road terminal." Refers to that portion of any public road or easement under the legal jurisdiction of Grayling Township and having its terminus at a body of water, and further, between the water's edge and the nearest intersecting public or private road, driveway or easement.

Section 1. Allowable activities.

A. Both active and passive recreational activities are permitted on township property within specifically designated areas at specifically designated times. This shall include playground activities in the township park fenced-in playground area, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, other nature-oriented, non-motorized sports on the road system, and picnicking in designated picnic and pavilion areas. Road terminals may be used for ingress and egress to and from the water.

B. The Grayling Township Board of Trustees may periodically approve or permit other special events on a temporary basis, and certain properties may be closed to the general public during such events.

Section 2. Preservation of property and natural features.

A. No person shall injure, deface, disturb or defoul any part of township property nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

B. The picking, cutting or removing of any natural or planted vegetation is strictly prohibited, including mushrooms, flowers and berries.

C. No person shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, on any property, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, waste or other noxious material, otherwise than in receptacles provided for such purposes; nor dump any earth, rocks, or organic materials without specific written permit from the township board.

Section 3. Wildlife.

A. No person within the confines of township property shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.

Section 4. General conduct.

A. No person shall, either by word or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly, profane or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace or good order of the community while occupying the township property nor shall any person play at games of chance, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein.

B. No person shall remain on township property who does not abide by the conditions adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees for the preservation of good order and the protection of the property, and no person shall remain on township property who does not abide by the instructions and directions of duly authorized police officers or agents of the township in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person directed by a police officer or agent of the township to leave the property shall do so promptly and peaceably. No person shall resist or obstruct, or be abusive of, or address in a profane or obscene manner, any police officer or agent of the township.

C. The use of loudspeakers, public address systems, or sound amplifying equipment is prohibited without permit. Excessively loud radios, televisions or similar devices are also prohibited.

D. No person shall enter a restroom set apart for the opposite sex except as an agent of the township, with proper and timely warning, during the execution of normal maintenance duties. During such times, restrooms will be clearly marked to the general public.

Section 5. Animal control.

A. All dogs, cats, ferrets and other domestic pets shall be controlled and on a leash of no more than six (6) feet long. No controlled animal shall be destructive to other birds and animals. Pet owners are responsible for, and must clean up and dispose of their pet's waste.

B. The riding of horses or other animals is prohibited on township property, except at road terminals.

Section 6. Traffic control.

A. No person shall drive, propel or cause to be driven, along or

over any township road or pathway, any vehicle at a rate of speed greater than three miles per hour (3 mph); nor shall any vehicle be driven in a reckless manner or in a manner to endanger the life, limb or property of pedestrians, or the drivers or occupants of other vehicles, or any other person.

B. Motorized recreational vehicles, such as three and four wheeled all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles are not allowed to operate on township property, except that any vehicle registered to operate on public roads may operate in designated parking areas and registered snowmobiles may access road terminals for ingress and egress to and from frozen lakes.

C. No person shall park or store any car, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle on township property, except in places designated for such purposes, which include, but are not limited to the town hall parking lot and the township park parking lot.

D. No person shall ride a bicycle; nor any other non-motorized vehicle, within the township park, except on designated trails and pathways.

E. All vehicles in designated parking areas shall conform to the laws of the State of Michigan regarding licensing, lights, safety requirements, etc.

F. Motorized boats are not allowed to operate on any waters within the township park, nor are boat owners and operators allowed to launch or retrieve boats from the water at any place within the park.

Section 7. General regulations.

A. **Camping.** No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place on township property, without specific permission from the Grayling Township Board of Trustees.

B. **Fires.** No person shall start a fire on any township property, except those contained within specific devices designated for cooking, i.e. portable or permanent grills. During times of high wildfire danger, the township board or its agent may prohibit all fires, including the smoking of cigarettes, cigars and pipes. During such times this temporary regulation will be appropriately and conspicuously posted.

C. **Alcohol and drugs.** The sale, consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited on township property.

D. **Commercial activities.** No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within any township property without a permit from the township board, and no person shall do any begging, peddling or soliciting therein. Further, no person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display a banner, emblem or design, without specific permit from the township.

E. **Firearms.** No person shall at any time, bring onto township property, nor have in his or her possession, nor discharge, or set off anywhere upon said property, a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air gun, water gun or any gun rifle, firearm or bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force.

Section 8. Park closings.

A. Hours of operation for the Grayling Township Park will be set by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, as needed, depending on the season and other pertinent factors, including the length of daylight. Normal spring/summer/fall park hours will be 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

B. The East Parking Lot of the Grayling Township Park will be closed and locked at no later than 10 p.m., to reopen again the next morning. All vehicles in the East Parking Lot must leave at closing time unless a written permit for later hours has been issued by the township. The West Parking Lot will be open to the general public during normal park hours and will remain open for the use of fisherman during all other hours.

C. The entire township park and any other property under the legal jurisdiction of Grayling Township, or any portion thereof, may be closed to certain uses during any specific period of time by the township board or agent of the township where it is determined that the physical condition of the property or portion thereof is such that intended use of the property or portion thereof would cause damage and deterioration in a degree greater than ordinary use, or that the intended use of the property or portion thereof would create a health hazard or safety hazard to the proposed user or other citizens. During such period of time as township property or portions thereof are closed, these closings shall be prominently posted and it shall be unlawful for anyone to enter upon or occupy such property or portions thereof contrary to the posted regulations.

Section 9. Violation of this ordinance and penalties.

A. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$500.00 and costs and/or imprisonment in the Crawford County Jail for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Section 10. Repeal of Ordinance 2001-01.

A. This ordinance replaces Grayling Township Ordinance 2001-01, known as "Recreational Park Rules and Regulations," which is hereby repealed on the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 11. Severability.

A. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable or any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Section 12. Effective date.

A. This ordinance shall take effect 30-days after publication.

Note: The above ordinance was adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on March 14, 2007.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna Keene and Debra Keene, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on December 1, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 531, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four And 75/100 Dollars (\$74,354.75), including interest at 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE
AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT
AND ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-
6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Rochell Childress, a single person of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank dated the 24th day of March, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of April, A.D. 2005, in Liber 675 of Crawford Records, on page 183, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$24,961.09 (Twenty Four thousand, Nine hundred Sixty One dollars and Nine cents) plus accrued interest at 13.34% (thirteen point three four) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 4th day of April, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

The North 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Commonly known as: 2396 Shaw Park Rd.

Tax ID: 040-40-009-05-080-01

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 8, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS
CO., L.P.A.

By: Michael I. Rich, (P-41938)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee

Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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Troy, Michigan 48064
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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian L. Davis and Diann M. Davis, Husband and Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2003 and recorded June 5, 2003 in Liber 637, Page 372, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Pooling and Servicing Agreement Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-4 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Five and 88/100 Dollars (\$99,185.88) including interest at 11.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 11, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 10 acres of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 3, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 8, 2007
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Attorneys for Servicer
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(248) 457-1000
File No. 221.5363

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NOTICE OF
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin P. Behrens, and Karen L. Behrens, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004, and recorded on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 852, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight And 00/100 Dollars (\$61,438.00), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Holiday Heights Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #134166F01

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Real Estate Mortgage made by **COBBLE CREEK II APARTMENTS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**, by Rural Housing Corporation, whose address is 601 Abbott, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, and Mr. Thomas R. Runquist, whose address is 21400 Ridgeway Circle, Suite 250, Sterling, Virginia 20166, as General Partners, to **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, acting through the **Farmers Home Administration** (now known as **Rural Development**), **United States Department of Agriculture**, with its State office being located at 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, the Mortgagee, such Real Estate Mortgage being dated May 6, 1986 and recorded May 6, 1986 in Liber 245 of Crawford County Records on Pages 55 through 60, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, and late fees, the sum of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 18/100 (\$663,293.18) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on **Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock**, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 11.375 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan;

A parcel of land on part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, T26N, R3W, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 8, T26N, R3W; thence North 01°37'15" East, 1313.35 feet along the West line of Section 8; thence South 89°59'00" East,

901.61 feet along the East-West 1/8 line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8; thence North 01°33'00" East, 525.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 01°33'00" East, 129.85 feet; thence South 89°52'29" East, 39.92 feet; thence North 01°33'00" East, 120.00 feet; thence South 89°52'29" East, 240.00 feet; thence South 01°33'00" West, 249.97 feet; thence North 89°51'01" West, 279.92 feet to the point of beginning. (Also commonly known as Cobble Creek II Apartments located at 402 & 410 Knight Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738; Tax Parcel No. 070-008-010-038-00.)

The Mortgage also contains certain additional covenants, which provide, in part:

"The property described herein was obtained or improved through Federal financial assistance. This property is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto for so long as the property continues to be used for the same or similar purpose for which financial assistance was extended or for so long as the purchaser owns it, whichever is longer.

This instrument also secures the obligations and covenants of the Borrower as set forth in the Borrower's Loan Agreement June 25, 1985, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

The borrower and any successors in interest agree to use the housing for the purpose of housing people eligible for occupancy as provided in Section 515 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949 and FmHA regulations then extant during this 20 year period beginning May 6, 1986. No person occupying the housing shall be required to vacate prior to the close of such 20 year period because of early repayment. The borrower understands that should an unsubsidized project be converted to subsidized within 15 years from the date of the last loan on the project is closed, that the period will be increased by 5 years. The borrower will be released during such period from these obligations only when the Government determines that there is no longer a need for such housing or that Federal or other financial assistance provided to the residents of such housing will no longer be provided. A tenant may seek enforcement of this provision as well as Government."

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact USDA, Rural Development, Attention: Mr. Ghulam R. Sumbal, Director, Multi-Family Housing

Programs, at the above address for USDA, Rural Development, telephone (517) 324-5190.

Dated: February 26, 2007
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now **Rural Development**), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and rerecorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Forty And 66/100 Dollars (\$78,040.66), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the REcorded Plat Thereof, as REcorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Murray Babbitt and Polly Babbitt, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2004, and recorded on April 20, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 677, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty And 93/100 Dollars (\$74,360.93), including interest at 6.984% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 7, Block 5, Brown and Johnson's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Lots No. 8 and 9 of Block 5, Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months

from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2007
For more information, please call:
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File #121061F02

-22-29-5-12

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 13, 2007 UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman.
Absent: None.
Pledge of Allegiance
Public comment heard.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, February Regular and Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for March, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Luck, to support the request made by the Fire/EMS for the purchase of a tool box, in the amount of \$840.00, for 16 firefighters who attended the Airbag Training, in Beaver Creek, at a cost of \$432.00, for one member to attend the EMT Specialist-Class, in Frederic, at a cost of \$700.00, plus the cost of books. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept for payment the invoice from the Township's attorney in the amount of \$40.50, for the Zoning review. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the purchase of zoning maps to be done by M.C. Planning and Design, at the cost of \$600.00, MAP-TITUDE Software at a cost of \$550.00, and training for the Zoning Administrator to use the mapping software at a cost of \$360.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to accept the Two Lakes plat for the AuSable Ridge subdivision. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to support the request for \$200.00 by the MTA Chapter to help offset the cost of the upcoming Scrap Tire Clean Up. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to support the request of the Clerk for Lois MacLean, from Acme Business Machines to assist with the transfer of software and files from the Clerk's old computer to the new system, at a cost not to exceed \$660.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept for payment the invoice from Municipal Underwriters, in the amount of \$15,240.00, for insuring all structures, properties, and vehicles owned by the Township for the year 2007. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to pass the Resolution to continue the Administrative Fee through the month of March, to be reviewed in conjunction with the Budget, and the recommendations of Mr. Cris Jones, and at the April meeting the Board will review it and take action to either remove the proposal or to alter it as the Board sees fit. Roll call: Ayes: Janisse, Musselman, Luck, Kozlowski and George. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse, to accept the schedule for 2007/2008 Board Meetings, the Depositories for the Township, the General Appropriations Act Resolution, and the wages and salaries (non-elected and assessor's contract). Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public comment
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT- FAMILY DIVISION

FILE NO. 07-7239-NC
In the matter of Joshua Dwayne Quesada
TAKE NOTICE:
Hearing on Petition to Change Name on April 11, 2007 at 1:45 p.m.

3/12/07

Joshua D. Quesada
11429 Tanglewood Dr.
Roscommon, MI 48653

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 06-4125-GC-1
200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 989-348-2841
Our File No. E-12035

Plaintiff name
Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.
Assignee from Household Bank
Plaintiff attorney
Timothy E. Baxter P28045
TIMOTHY E. BAXTER & ASSOCIATES
P.O. Box 2669
Farmington Hills, MI 48333
248 553-1155
Defendant
Bonnie S. Rowland
4649 S. Staley Lake Rd
Grayling, MI 49738

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant **Bonnie S. Rowland** cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method:
d. Publication pursuant to Court Rule MCR 2.105 (D) (1) (2).

3. For each method used proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Filed March 6, 2007
Honorable Monte J. Burmeister
P48732

-22-29-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mike F. Bentley, a married man and Tammy Bentley, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 2, 1998, and recorded on October 12, 1998 in Liber 465 on Page 202, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six And 58/100 Dollars (\$37,156.58), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots Numbered 4 and 5, Joh-Lyn-Dan Hills, according to the plat thereof, as recorded at Liber 1 of plats, Page 70, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #130989F01

-1-8-15-22

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William G. Darmofal and Leona Darmofal, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27,

2004, and recorded on September 29, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 733, and modified by agreement dated January 27, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 200, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight And 77/100 Dollars (\$94,868.77), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 4, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 622 and 623, Indian Glens of the Ausable #6, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1-14, Crawford County Records. Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #131554F01

-1-8-15-22

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2007 UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 8:23 p.m.
Presiding: Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor and Lynn George, Clerk.
Pledge of Allegiance.
No public comment.

Motion by Herman Bratfish, and seconded by Rosemary Clement, to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting 2006. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Kozlowski presented the State of the Township message.

Motion by Herman Bratfish, and seconded by Rosemary Clement to set the Supervisor's salary for the fiscal year 2007/2008 at \$21,385.05. Show of hands: Ayes: 14. Nays: 2. Motion passed.

Motion by Paul Musselman, and seconded by Suzanne Luck, to set the Clerk's salary for the fiscal year 2007/2008 at \$21,385.05. Show of hands: Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Motion by Michael Janisse, and seconded by Suzanne Fries, to accept the Treasurer's salary for the fiscal year 2007/2008 at \$21,385.05. Show of hands: Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Public comment.
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 07-7246 DE
Estate of JOSHUA MASTEJ
Date of birth: 10/26/1987
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Joshua Mastej, who lived at 7275 North White Rd., Grayling, Michigan died 10/21/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John Mastej, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 03/08/2007
Russell F. Ethridge P32931
24053 Jefferson Ave
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0400

John Mastej
7275 North White Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 745-1105

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

Case No. 05-3272-NA
TO: Crawford County Avalanche Michigan Ave.
Grayling, MI 49738
IN THE MATTER OF: Gabriella Papp, DOB: 01/02/2003; Iasia Papp, DOB: 12/30/2003

A hearing on March 26, 2007 will be conducted by the court on Termination of Parental Rights at 9:00 a.m. in Crawford County Family & Probate Court, before Hon. Monte J. Burmeister.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Sheri Papp, Mother, personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in Termination of Parental Rights over the above named minor children.

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Advertisement for Bids for Crawford AuSable School District

Project Information

Sealed bid proposals will be accepted from qualified contractors by Crawford AuSable School District for Mechanical and Electrical Modifications and Renovations. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Joe Powers
Superintendent
c/o Crawford AuSable School District
1135 N. Old 27
Grayling, MI 49738

Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting and project walk-through will be on March 20, 2007, at 3:00 PM (local time) at the High School Conference Room.

Bid Information

Proposal must be received prior to 2:00 PM (local time) on March 28, 2007 at the Crawford AuSable School District Administration Office. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM in the Crawford AuSable School District High School Conference Room. All bids received after 2:00 PM on the bid date will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

Proposals and Award

The Owner will award contracts on or about April 16, 2007.

Plans and Questions

Interested Bidders should be contact Wolgast Corporation at (989)790-9120.

Bid Security

A Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located and in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid shall accompany each proposal or proposal combination.

Familial Disclosure

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or the employee of the bidder and any member of the board, intermediate school board, or board of directors of the superintendent of the school district, intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district, or chief executive officer of the public school academy. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Owners Rights

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept a bid other than the low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in the bid proposals, which they feel to be in their own best interest.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
March 22, 1984

A millage for a county wide parks and recreation program will be one of the main items under study by a committee appointed by Crawford County Commission chairperson Jeanette Kitchen. At a regular commission board meeting Kitchen appointed Bernie Fowler, Harold Mertes, Fred Schiably, Cletis Spears, George Rybicki, and Barbara Hunter as the county's six township supervisors, Jerry Morford, Grayling City manager, Randy Thompson, and Jim Tobin to study a county-wide parks and recreation program.

The county commissioners approved replacing a corrections officer who resigned, but still say their hiring freeze is in effect. Mary Harland, who made the motion for the hiring freeze in December, said the freeze involves all hiring except for contracted services. Harland said that since the county is mandated by the state to have so many corrections officers to operate the jail, replacing a corrections officer falls under the contracted services exception in the hiring freeze.

Grayling skiers captured five all-league honors selected by Michigan Huron Shores Conference coaches. Karyn Reynolds and Pete Huss won first team honors and Heidi Derenzy, Kris Laudenslager, and Alan

Weiss were named to the second team.

Eight Grayling High School athletes were named to all-league teams in the Michigan Huron Shores Conference. From the volleyball team that finished third in the MHSC, Shelly Trenary and Melissa McEvers were named to the first team and Lisa LaMotte and Shannon Krays received honorable mention. From the basketball team that finished fourth in the MHSC, Wayne Ross and Jim Stewart were named to the first team. Rod Patterson and Mike Hickey received honorable mention.

Grayling High School senior Ken Lademan, of Frederic, wrote a letter for an English class project. He had his letter to the editor featured in the Detroit Free Press editorial section Sunday, March 4. Under a large headline "Our Courts Are Letting Killers Go Free" Lademan's letter was the first of several letters in the reader's comment section.

Miss Loft's first grade class made a big book called an A, B, C, book on March 7. They are going to send the big book to a boy Duane Bradley who is in a hospital in Detroit.

46 Years Ago
March 23, 1961

Three members of the Frederic High basketball team were honored by being named or mentioned to the Snowland Class D

All Conference team. Named to the team were Ben Redman and Ron Mertes. Jack Smith was given honorable mention and Redman was also voted most valuable player for the Eagles by team members.

Les Hunter, owner of Hunter's Dairy, Grayling's distributor of Valley Lea Dairy Products, disclosed that their delivery trucks would soon be decked out in the official Valley Lea colors, changing from the present white to the new maroon and gold colors.

A total of 423 Central Michigan University students made an average of B or better last semester. Four students made a straight A average. Two of the students were from Crawford County, they were Donald Plagens, a junior and Robert W. Strong, a senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kumrei were once again hosts to fifteen bowling teams and their spouses, at a lavish dinner party at the American Legion Hall. Teams from Houghton Lake, Prudenville, Johannesburg, Gaylord and Grayling representing Pfeiffers, Drewry's, and Budweiser Breweries. A jitter-bugging contest turned up Doug and Linda Lott, Ralph and Nancy Hoffman and Jim Granlund and Mary Steger as prize winners.

69 Years Ago
March 24, 1938

The store owned by the late Christian Olson, which was commonly known as "Chris" was purchased Tuesday by Earl Dawson, and it is to be managed by his son, DeVer. This store has been a

favorite among Grayling people as well as many resorters for some time and citizens are glad to have this business continued by well known local people.

The addition of new built-in bookcases in the Circuit Court room of the courthouse makes a fine improvement. They provide about a third more book space and are good looking. Bill Christenson did the work.

Clyde Peterson has been appointed undersheriff by Sheriff Frank Bennett, to take the vacancy caused by the death of Frank May. Anyone desiring the service of the sheriff's department may call either the sheriff or the Peterson Service Station.

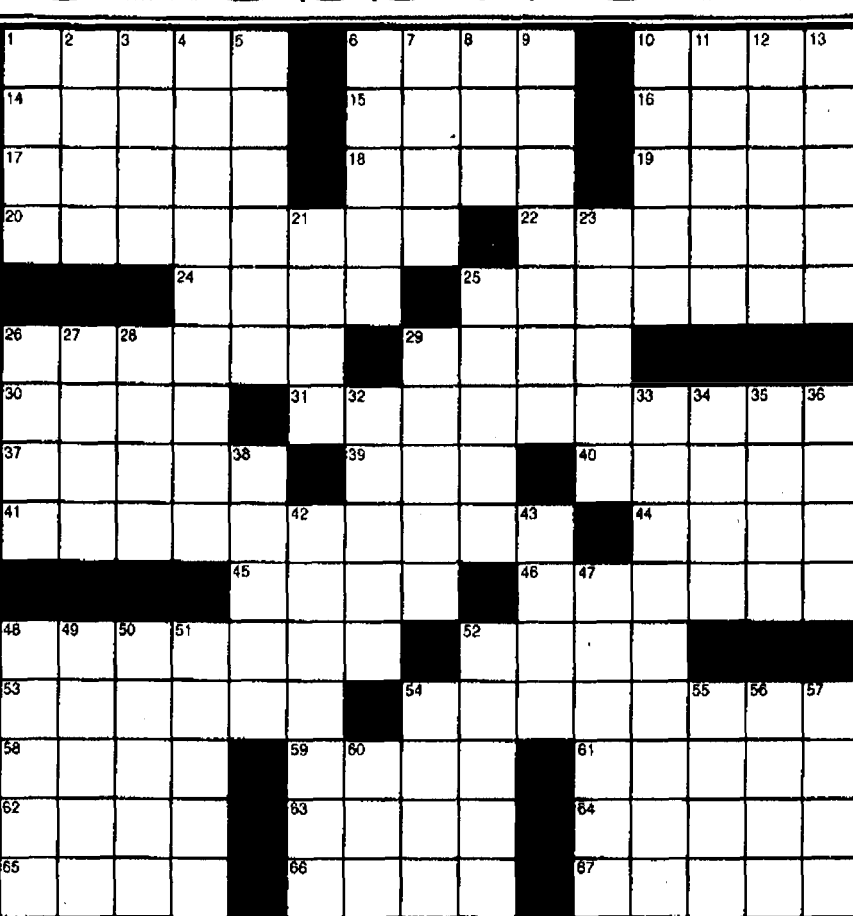
Monday, March 21, was the first day of spring according to the calendar. And indeed it was a balmy day. The ol' swimming hole was alive with youngsters Monday taking their first dips in the cool water of the world famous AuSable.

92 Years Ago
March 25, 1915

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jorgenson arrived from Denmark last week and will make their future home here. Mr. Jorgenson is a painter and decorator and will join the Waldemar Jensen force of painters. They will occupy the residence to be vacated soon by Peter Davidson and family.

Photographer Wingard took several pictures of scenes around Grayling last week that show the worst side of our city.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Something waded in a game.
 6. British slang for kids.
 10. Opening; breach.
 14. The sharp edge formed by the meeting of two surfaces.
 15. Surface included within a set of lines.
 16. Less marked rising and falling of an inland body of water.
 17. Female servants.
 18. Cloth made of wool and fur.
 19. Acronym for Institute of Biomedical Sciences.
 20. Comes out from a source.
 22. Vivacious cleverness.
 24. Affirmative votes.
 25. Heats again.
 26. Passage.
 29. Dishes available at a restaurant.
 30. Roman numeral for 13.
 31. Rises above the limits of.
 37. Contour feather of a bird.
 39. Before.
 40. Whip used for flogging.
 41. Predicted better than someone else.
 44. Jeff, composer of film and TV scores.
 45. Ancient city of Palestine.
 46. To arouse from sleep.
 48. Individuals who carry something as a body covering.
 52. To fall in drops.
 53. To unfold.
 54. Minute depression.
 58. Edelman, Stan Zbornak on The Golden Girls.
 59. Acronym for Interessengemeinschaft Eitensheimer Eltern e.V.
 61. Prosperous peasant farmer in 19th-century Russia.
 62. Spanish for "love."
 63. Goud, facidum, Latin for "which was to be done."
 64. Kovacs, TV comedian.
 65. Abbreviation for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration.
 66. People who spend much time idly in specified places.
 67. Sells.
- Down
1. Being one without change.
 2. Boxlike wagon running on rails.
 3. Striking solo performance.
 4. Seizing and carrying away by unlawful force.
 5. Makes an often tentative effort to perform.
 6. Places to keep articles.
 7. Metal-bearing rocks or minerals.
 8. Old-style abbreviation for Delaware.
 9. Smooth, lustrous fabrics usually made of cotton in satin weave.
 10. Short plant stalk.
 11. Constellation between Virgo and Scorpion.
 12. To concede as true.
 13. Epidemic diseases associated with high mortality.
 21. Acronym for Trans Europe Express Translations.
 23. To clear away a corn husk.
 25. Zellweger, Roxie Hart in the movie Chicago.
 26. Short for exposition.
 27. In, of, in place of.
 28. Contraction of "I am not."
 29. Tract of soft wetland.
 32. Rhythmic silences in music.
 33. To delight beyond measure.
 34. Interior angle formed by two meeting walls.
 35. Ridge of sand piled up by the wind.
 36. Lee, creator of Spider-Man.
 38. Tool having a helical shaft used for boring holes.
 42. Nearer the beginning of a process.
 43. To embroider by filling in with long running or interlacing stitches.
 47. Morally bad.
 48. City of east-central China on the Yangtze River.
 49. Injection of liquid into the intestine by way of the anus.
 50. Round, thick, tightly curled hairstyles.
 51. Pityriasis. Pili, a skin disorder.
 52. Compositions for two performers.
 54. Annoying person.
 55. Bone on the little-finger side of the human forearm.
 56. Bar extending from one post to another and serving as a barrier.
 57. Gets with great difficulty.
 60. Acronym for the Equal Rights Amendment.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Roasted Chicken with Olives & Provençal Herbs

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|-----|--|-----|---|
| 3 | pounds chicken parts | 2 | tablespoons olive oil |
| 1 | cup peeled small white onions, cut into halves or quarters | 4 | teaspoons herbes de provence |
| 1/2 | cup pitted kalamata olives | 1 | teaspoon tangerine or orange peel |
| 1/3 | cup tangerine or orange juice | 1/2 | teaspoon tellicherry black peppercorns, crushed |
| 4 | cloves garlic, minced | 1/2 | teaspoon coarse sea salt |
| 2 | tablespoons honey | | |

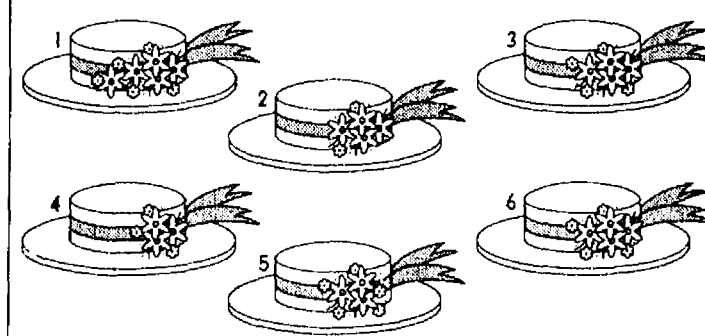
1. Place chicken, onions and olives in 13x9-inch baking dish. 2. Mix remaining ingredients in small bowl. Pour evenly over chicken. Roast in preheated 425°F oven 40 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Serve chicken with olives, onions and pan juices.

Makes 6 servings.



FIND THE TWINS

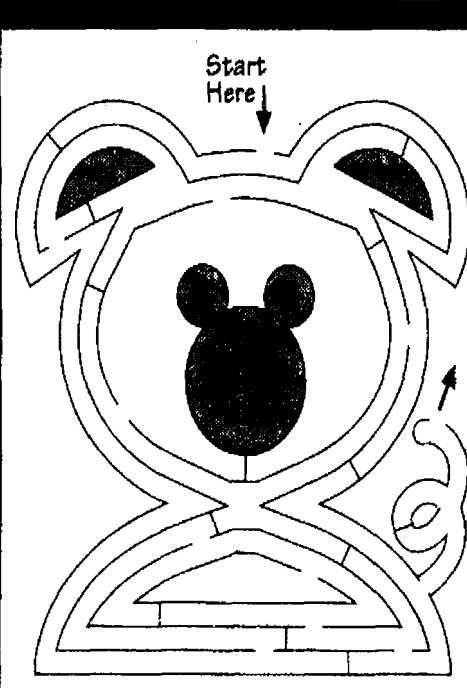
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

The highest wind velocity ever recorded in the United States was 231 miles per hour, on Mount Washington, New Hampshire, in 1934

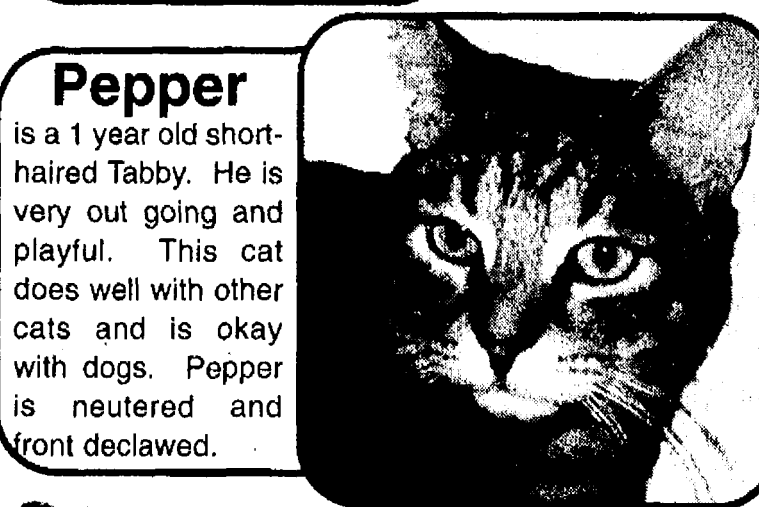
MAZE



ADOPT A PET



Mel
is a handsome young mixed breed dog. He is about a year old and has a great disposition. This guy seems good with other dogs and is very friendly. He has been neutered and vaccinated. All he needs now is a loving home.



Pepper
is a 1 year old short-haired Tabby. He is very out going and playful. This cat does well with other cats and is okay with dogs. Pepper is neutered and front declawed.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascsp.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
3/14	66	38	0					
3/15	51	24	0					
3/16	30	12	0	High 52	High 50	High 52	High 49	High 54
3/17	33	10	0	Low 20	Low 28	Low 26	Low 38	Low 38
3/18	34	10	0					
3/19	36	16	0.22					
3/20	38	18	0.01	Rain / Thunder	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Showers

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL

M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06t/1)

1. Real Estate

MUST SELL! Bank foreclosures, fixer uppers, company owned properties. Free list with pictures. Call Craig Hinkle, RE/MAX of Grayling, (989) 348-7440. (-8-22/1)

14 X 70 MOBILE HOME 8 miles west of Grayling on 1 plus acres. Call for more information. 348-2358. (LR3/29/07/1)

WHY RENT when you can own your home for less. Single wide 2001 modular home, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, all major appliances included \$26,000. For more info call 989-275-8172. (LR4/12/07/1)

1. Real Estate

BY OWNER: Sweet 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, recent upgrades. Only \$89,000. 231-263-0231 or cell 989-619-5561. (3/15/07t/1)

BEHIND ON YOUR HOUSE PAYMENT threatened with foreclosure, don't know what to do? Don't lose everything. I can help. Don't wait while the payments pile up, call me today; selling your house now might save you substantial money. Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21 River Country Real Estate Agent, 989-390-1393/989-348-5474. (-22-29sgf/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW HOME river access, 104 Black Bear \$125,000, cabin \$75,000, 989-348-4840. (-22-29-5-12/1)

2. For Rent

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$650 per month, plus utilities. 348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (-22-29/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/2)

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR4/5/07/2)

2. For Rent

LOG HOME BEAUTIFUL large secluded on East Branch surrounded by Hartwick Pines. \$700 month, available May. 989-348-2229 (LR4/5/07/2)

ONE AND TWO BEDROOM duplexes, snowplowing, lawn care, trash pick-up. Non-smoking, \$395 and \$450. 808 and 810 Park Street 989-348-2178. (3/08/07t/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Rent a cozy cabin year round for \$375 per month, including all utilities. 30 wooded acres, walk to Blue Gill Lake. \$200 security, no pets. 877-227-6976. (3/15/07t/2)

THREE BEDROOM HOUSE \$600, 989-348-6534. References wanted. (-15-22/2)

2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments, 595 Meadows Drive in Grayling is currently accepting applications for a 2 bedroom apartment. Whispering Pines is a Senior Citizen Community or Disabled of any age. Please call Peggy at (989) 344-0020 for an application or more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777



CRAIG HINKLE
Broker/Owner
State Licensed Appraiser



RE/MAX®
of Grayling

5728 M-72 West
EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY
OWNED & OPERATED



CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker / Owner
Limited Real Estate Appraiser
CRB, GRI, CRS, ABR

House not what you were expecting?



REDUCED
HANDYMAN SPECIAL!! 2 B/R Ranch with attached garage. 10 x 14 storage building. Large 7 x 21 utility room/wood shop. 3.6 acres. CH-2459 \$33,500



NEW LISTING
11.7 ACRES OF HARDWOODS with AuSable State Forest across the road. Very secluded setting with private driveway. 1,880 s.f. "unfinished" home built approximately 10 years ago. 2x6 sidewall construction. Included kitchen cabinetry and bathroom fixtures. Electric, insulation, partitions, well, and septic all installed. Two 35,000 BTU gas wall heaters. Attached older travel. CH-2486 \$69,900



107' LAKE MARGRETHE SANDY BEACH FRONTAGE. 2,780 s.f., three bedrooms, and 2 1/2 baths. Family room with brick fireplace, study, 8 x 36 covered porch, Anderson Windows, covered ceiling, recessed lighting, six panel interior doors, and master bedroom suite with 16' picture window overlooking the lake. 25 x 30 attached finished and heated garage with black-top circle drive. CH-2392 \$625,000

It's easy to get lost on the trail to the perfect home. With want-ads sometimes promising more than you actually find, you can waste a lot of time getting nowhere.

Unless you've got
RE/MAX.

Experienced RE/MAX agents do the hard work so you don't have to. They know the markets they work in, so they're likely to know the home that's just right for you.

It's a big world out there. Fortunately for you, we've got it covered.



HOME WARRANTY
NEWLY REMODELED HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living room, nice back yard with over 1/2 acre. New carpet, dry-wall and paint. New roof. Garage. Very Nice. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2313 \$86,500



NEW LISTING
LAKE MARGRETHE
NAUTICALLY NICE! This quality built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths with 1920 sq. ft. Features include vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, brick fireplace, open floor plan to kitchen, living and dining rooms. Kitchen offers beautiful oak cabinets with built ins and pull out drawers, built in pantry. Master bedroom suite offers double closets and full bath with separate tub and shower with seating. Home security alarm system. 2 car garage. Nicely landscaped. CS-2465 \$309,000



NEW LISTING
LAKE MARGRETHE
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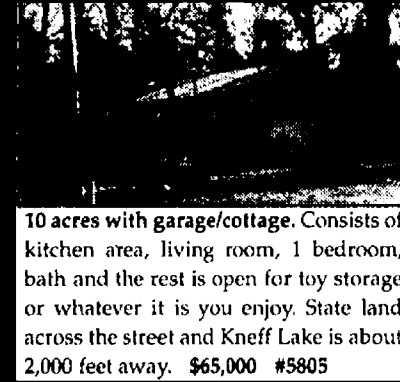
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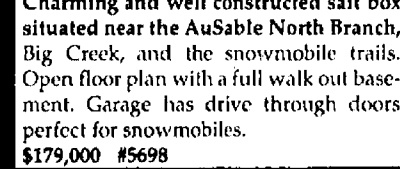
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Peaceful, beautiful country setting, central air conditioning, two full baths, two bedrooms downstairs, upstairs master suite/loft overlooking living room, oak banister. Heated & insulated 24x28 garage with 16x20 addition with two 8' drive through doors. Close to snowmobile trails and state land. Property opens to public roads on back & front. Great for all your toys & fun! \$135,900 #5822



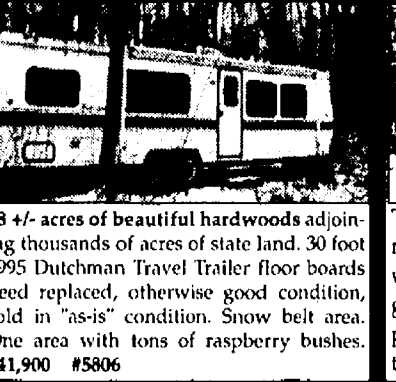
10 acres with garage/cottage. Consists of kitchen area, living room, 1 bedroom, bath and the rest is open for toy storage or whatever it is you enjoy. State land across the street and Kneff Lake is about 2,000 feet away. \$65,000 #5805



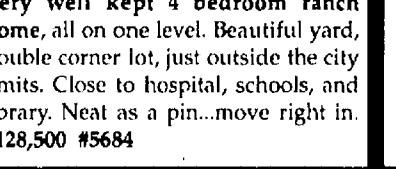
Charming and well constructed salt box situated near the AuSable North Branch, Big Creek, and the snowmobile trails. Open floor plan with a full walk out basement. Garage has drive through doors perfect for snowmobiles. \$179,000 #5698



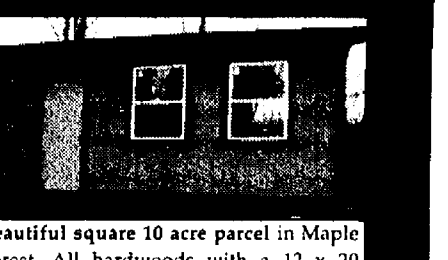
This is a very well maintained property, clean and neat. It can be a 2 bedroom with den or 3 bedroom. The owner will have very little to do to make this property their home. Just outside Grayling's city limits. \$119,000 #5607



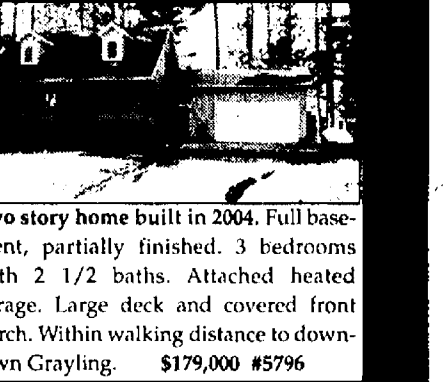
18 +/- acres of beautiful hardwoods adjoining thousands of acres of state land. 30 foot 1995 Dutchman Travel Trailer floor boards need replaced, otherwise good condition, sold in "as-is" condition. Snow belt area. One area with tons of raspberry bushes. \$41,900 #5806



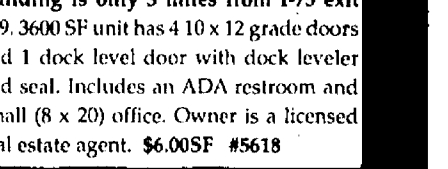
Very well kept 4 bedroom ranch home, all on one level. Beautiful yard, double corner lot, just outside the city limits. Close to hospital, schools, and library. Neat as a pin...move right in. \$128,500 #5684



Beautiful square 10 acre parcel in Maple Forest. All hardwoods with a 12 x 20 unfinished cabin. Two tree stands with shooting lanes cleared. Perimeter trail around all 4 sides. RV parking area cleared. Borders state land. \$32,000 #5802



Two story home built in 2004. Full basement, partially finished. 3 bedrooms with 2 1/2 baths. Attached heated garage. Large deck and covered front porch. Within walking distance to downtown Grayling. \$179,000 #5796



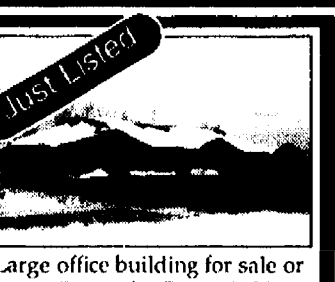
Building is only 3 miles from I-75 exit 259. 3600 SF unit has 4 10 x 12 grade doors and 1 dock level door with dock leveler and seal. Includes an ADA restroom and small (8 x 20) office. Owner is a licensed real estate agent. \$6,005F #5618



Just Listed
Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom home offers an open floor plan, recessed lighting, stone fireplace, island kitchen w/oak cabinets & pantry, skylites, master suite w/jetted tub & walk in closet, 2nd bath, 75 ft. sidewalk, 2 decks, 26x32 pole building/windows/8 doors, 20x12 sidewall, 8 black crawl space for added storage and deeded access to state land. Home warranty included. #249583 \$119,000



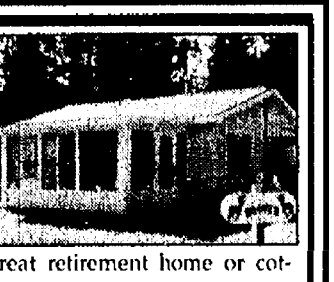
Just Listed
This freshly painted well kept 2-bedroom home is conveniently located in Grayling Township and features a 24x30 site built garage, covered porch, vanity with sink in master bedroom and A/C unit, plus newer front door, carpet throughout, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Also includes a One-Year Home Warranty! #249575 \$16,500



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Large office building for sale or lease. Currently Doctor's/dentist office. Basement is partially finished for offices and storage. Great location just off I-75 and Business Loop. #249626 \$675,000



Reduced
Great home on Manistee Lake canal with 83' of frontage. Has seawall with power for your boat. Wonderful fenced-in yard, wrap-around deck, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, large great room and cozy breakfast area. 2-car garage is divided in half for private work area. 800 acre Manistee Lake is all sports, good fishing, plus great winter & summer sports area. #238026 \$164,000



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Privacy and wildlife comes with this 10 acre parcel. Property is a square 10 perfect for hunting, snowmobiling, or just relaxing in the woods. There is an older mobile home that needs a little TLC, well, no electric and a large white shed. #243082 \$27,000

The barn of dreams on 3.85 acres. Could possibly be turned into a home or use it the way it sits. Barn is 30'x40', 2-story, also includes 20'x22' block garage. #243982 \$39,900

Nice building site on paved road, utilities available. Well and septic on property but seller does not guarantee condition. #244334 \$12,000

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3. Employment

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FULL TIME RECEPTIONIST needed for busy dental practice in Grayling. The ideal candidate should have smiling, upbeat and positive attitude. Skills and experience a plus, general clerical, patient scheduling, answering phones and knowledge of computer software needed. Please submit resume to Office Manager, P.O. Box 54, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline for submission, March 30, 2007. (-22-29/3)

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5. For Sale

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03/tf/5)

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WEARERS	DRIP	
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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544, (713/06tf/8)

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8. Announcements

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS Roscommon CRAFT Center. Registration March 19, 7 weeks, March 26, first class 5:30 pm. 989-821-4419 (-15-22/8)

ESTATE SALE inside March 30, 31 and April 1, 11 am to 4 pm. Snow blower, refrigerator, camper trailer, kitchen table with 4 chairs, miscellaneous household stuff. 6516 Ellen Drive, Higgins Lake, corner of County Road 202 (Hillcrest) and Ellen Drive. 989-302-3765 (-22-29/8)

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CREATIVE MEMORIES MEMORANZA scrapbooking workshop, 9 am - 9 pm April 14. \$40 includes 3 meals, ideas inspiration, prizes. Nancy Hodges 989-275-4026 by March 29 to register. (-22-29/8)

9. Personals

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